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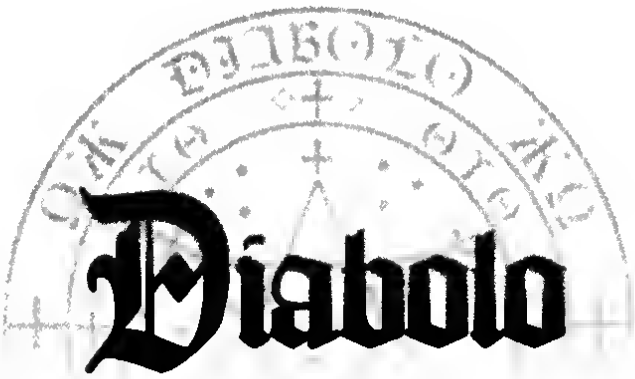
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THE CHARACTERS...
MIO
SHE IS REN'S MISSING COUSIN.
HIROMI
SHE IS THE YOUNG LADY REN AND RAI SAVED.
RAI
AN UNFORTUNATE YOUNG MAN WHO GREW UP IN AN ORPHANAGE HAVING NEVER KNOWN HIS PARENTS. RAI WAS A KIND SOUL, BUT HAS NOW FALLEN AND BECOME THE DARK SPIRIT, NEBIROS.
MASTER
(LEFT) MASTER CONTROLS THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS.
NEMA
(RIGHT) SHE IS MASTER'S WIFE.
KYOUYA
A.K.A AGLIARET READS PEOPLE'S SOULS.
REN
HE HAS THE POWER OF A SWORD OF OFFENSE. HE HAS PURSUED RAI, WHO DISAPPEARED WITH THE SPIRITS.
TSUKIKO
A.K.A FLEURETY TRANSFORMS INTO A BEING OF ULTIMATE CRUELTY AT NIGHT.
REI
A.K.A SATANIACHIA. CONTROLS PEOPLE LIKE MARIONETTES.
NANA
A.K.A SARGATANAS. FREELY MOVES BETWEEN DIMENSIONS.
YUU
A.K.A. LUCIFUGE BRILLIANT MIND WITH A HOLOGRAPHIC BODY

THE STORY THUS FAR...

THEY SAY THOSE WHO RECEIVE POWERS FROM THE DEVIL BY FALLING INTO THE DIABOLO'S SNARE LOSE THEIR HUMAN SOULS AT SEVENTEEN AND BECOME MONSTERS AT EIGHTEEN. REN AND RAI GAINED THEIR SUPERNATURAL POWERS DURING A CURSED RITUAL TEN YEARS AGO, WHICH RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF REN'S COUSIN, MIO. THEY HAVE DEVOTED THEIR LIVES TO TRYING TO FIND HER AND, IN THE PROCESS, HUNTING THOSE SOULS WHO HAVE FALLEN INTO DARKNESS. EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE TURNED SEVENTEEN, THEIR HATRED FOR DEVILS HAS HELPED THEM TO STAVE OFF THEIR TRANSFORMATION AND RETAIN THEIR HUMANITY. HEINOUS CRIMES COMMITTED BY 17-YEAR-OLDS CONTINUE TO SPREAD AS THE MASTER AND THE MYSTERIOUS GIRL NEMA MANIPULATE AND OBSERVE FROM THE SHADOWS. PEOPLE CONTINUE TO FALL TO THE DIABOLO AS THEY GATHER THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS, THE END RESULT OF WHICH IS SAID TO BE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD. ONE AFTER ANOTHER, THE EXISTING SPIRITS ENTRAP REN AND RAI. WHEN RAI AWAKENS AS THE SIXTH GREAT SPIRIT NEBIROS, REN MUST BRACE HIMSELF FOR THE END OF THE WORLD AS HE KNOWS IT.

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Mio is still a little angel in my mind..
I loved them so much... I wanted nothing more than to protect them.
And I see the vision of my mother tragically dying alone.
That's why I vowed...
...that I would at least save Rai.

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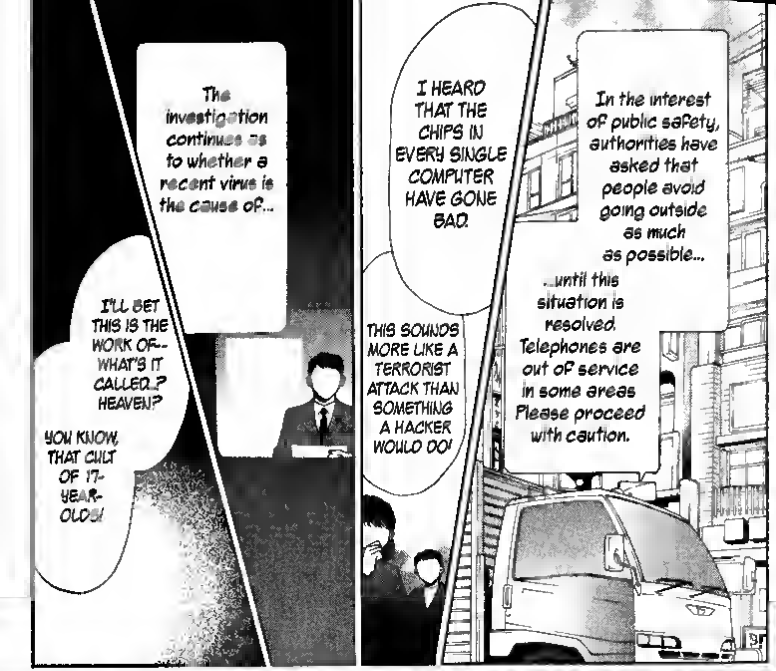
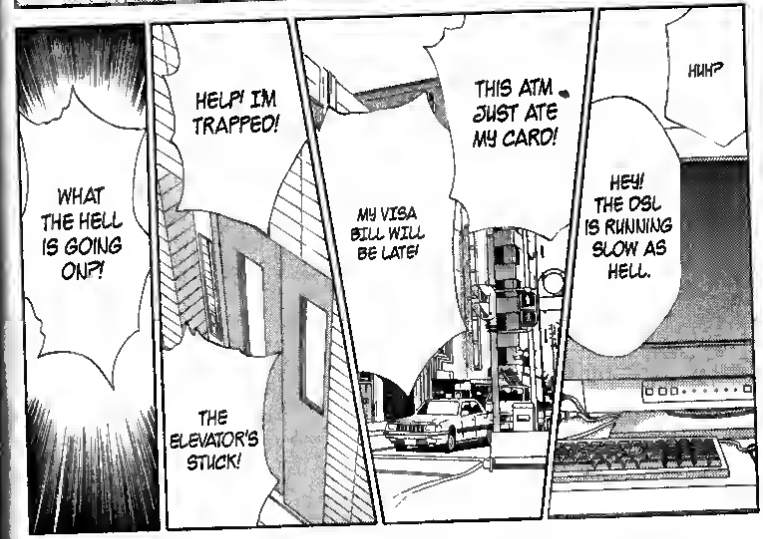
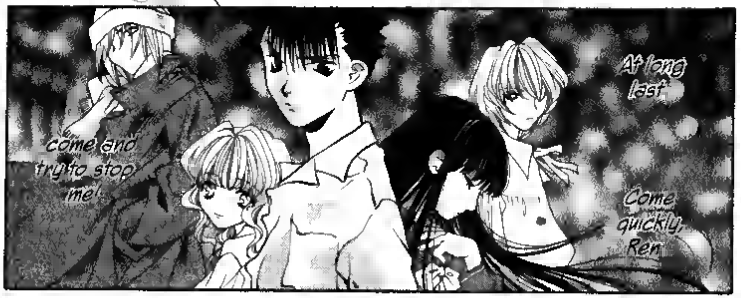
Reunion

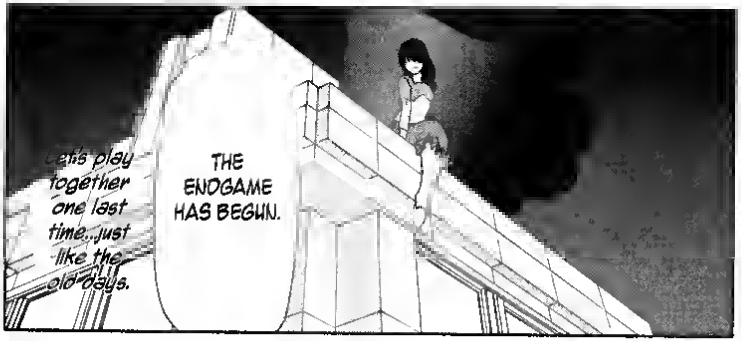

The investigation continues as to whether a recent virus is the cause of...
I'LL BET THIS IS THE WORK OF-- WHAT'S IT CALLED..? HEAVEN?
YOU KNOW, THAT CULT OF 17-YEAR-OLDS!
I HEARD THAT THE CHIPS IN EVERY SINGLE COMPUTER HAVE GONE BAD.
THIS SOUNDS MORE LIKE A TERRORIST ATTACK THAN SOMETHING A HACKER WOULD DO!
In the interest of public safety, authorities have asked that people avoid going outside as much as possible...
...until this situation is resolved. Telephones are out of service in some areas Please proceed with caution.

It's begun.


WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
HELP! I'M TRAPPED!
THE ELEVATOR'S STUCK!
MY VISA BILL WILL BE LATE!
THIS ATM JUST ATE MY CARD!
HUH?
HEY! THE DSL IS RUNNING SLOW AS HELL.

That's right


At long last
Come quickly, Ren
Come and try to stop me!


THE ENDGAME HAS BEGUN.
Let's play together one last time...just like the old days.

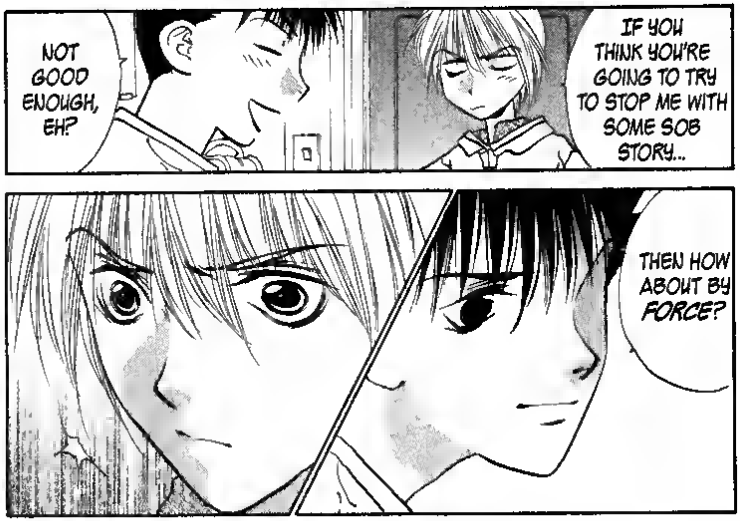
IT IS UNAVOIDABLE
IT IS BECAUSE THEY ARE CHILDREN.
IT'S A WASTE OF TIME, TOYING AROUND WITH REN.
IT'S CHILDISH.

OUR DUTIES WILL SOON BE COMING TO A CLOSE.
THE DAMAGE, HOWEVER, HAS JUST BEGUN.
SOON, OUR VIRUS, "FEAR", WILL AFFECT EVERY MIND ON EARTH!

HERE'S SOME FOOD. EAT.
IT LOOKS GROSS.
OH, PARDON ME, MR. GOURMET!
BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS.
BESIDES, THE GAS AND ELECTRICITY ARE OUT. I CAN'T HELP THAT.
I did what I could!
SO DEAL WITH IT!
DON'T COMPARE ME WITH YOUR "EX."
WHOA! THIS IS NASTY! RAI WAS A GREAT COOK.

I TOLD YOU TO STOP BOTHERING ME.
...WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
Eat it all!
HEY...
YOU'RE GOING TO FIGHT HIM, RIGHT?
.....
I SUPPOSE IN A WAY, YOU ARE. I LEFT HOME. MY DAD WAS ONE OF THOSE BIG WIGS WITH A MISTRESS...
GEEZ! EASE UP "DAD"! AM I LIKE YOUR SURROGATE FAMILY, OR WHAT?
LET IT GO, MAN!
BESIDES, THERE'S A CURFEW. YOU SHOULDN'T GO OUT ALONE.

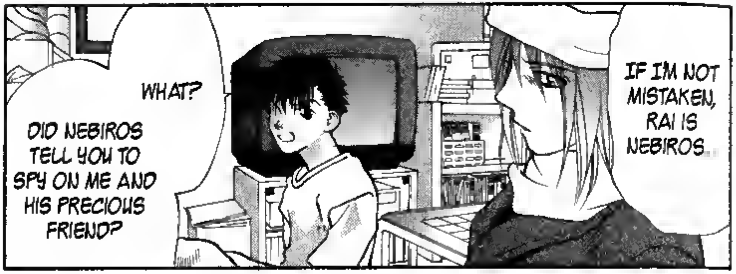
ALL MY RELATIVES FOUGHT OVER ME, THINKING I COULD BENEFIT THEM.
...AND I'M THE ILLEGITIMATE SON.
I BECAME A PAWN IN AN INHERITANCE BATTLE.
But when they found out about my illness...
Here's enough money to support you for a while. Don't ever come back here.
...I was thrown out like yesterday's garbage.


NOT GOOD ENOUGH, EH?
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO STOP ME WITH SOME SOB STORY...
THEN HOW ABOUT BY FORCE?

NOT BAD, EH?
YOU..YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE NOTICED THAT WE AREN'T NORMAL HUMANS.
STAY OUT OF THIS. YOU'LL GET HURT.
WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO?

GOODBYE.
I doubt we'll meet again.
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, KYOUYA.
YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON.
SO YOU'RE GOING?
I'm going to save you, Rai.
I'm going to keep my promise and if we kill each other.
No matter where you hide...no matter what you do... I'll find you...

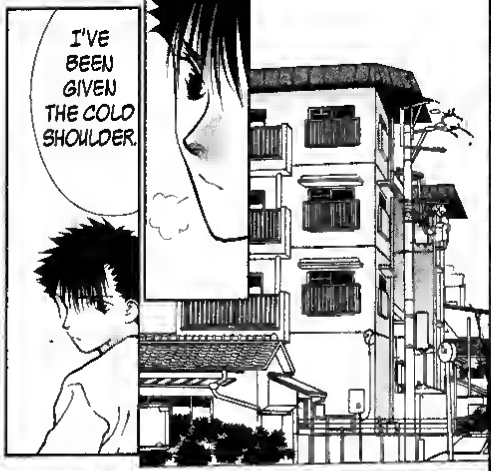
There's no place in Heaven reserved for us
No chance of us ever becoming angels.
THE DIABOLO...
...HE'LL HAVE TO ANSWER FOR ALL THOSE DEATHS.
Dust to dust...
IN THE PROCESS OF SAVING PEOPLE, WE'VE HAD TO TAKE MANY LIVES.
AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE, YOU THINK YOU AND RAI WILL LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER?
NO...I DON'T THINK THAT AT ALL.


WHAT?
DID NEBIROS TELL YOU TO SPY ON ME AND HIS PRECIOUS FRIEND?
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, RAI IS NEBIROS.

STOP LOOKIN' INSIDE PEOPLE'S HEADS!
THAT AIN'T IT!
Humph!
YOU'RE A GIRL. MAYBE YOU HAVE FEELINGS FOR HIM AS WELL.

FINE.
..HURRY UP AND GIT.

THERE'S GONNA BE A PARTY
AN IMPORTANT GUEST IS COMIN' SO..

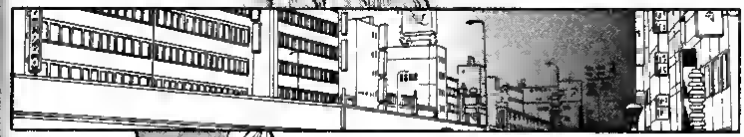

I'VE BEEN GIVEN THE COLD SHOULDER.

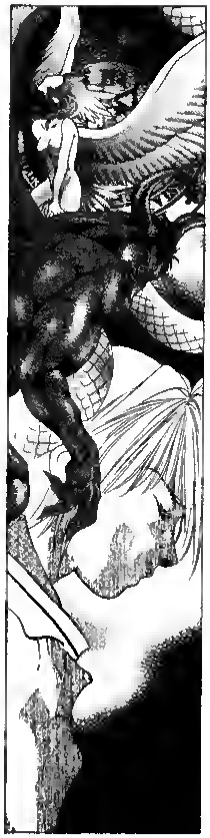
OH, IT'S YOU, EH, NANA?
UNFORGIV-ABLE, EH? CONSOLE ME.

...you and I will dance with the devil.

I can hear you calling me...

I can hear you, Rai...





Now Ren... let's play!

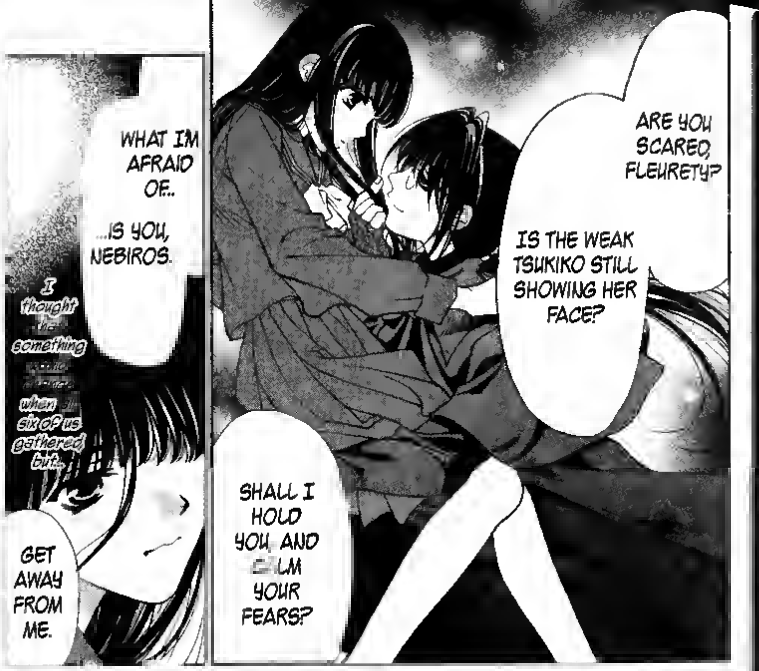
Hey, over here!

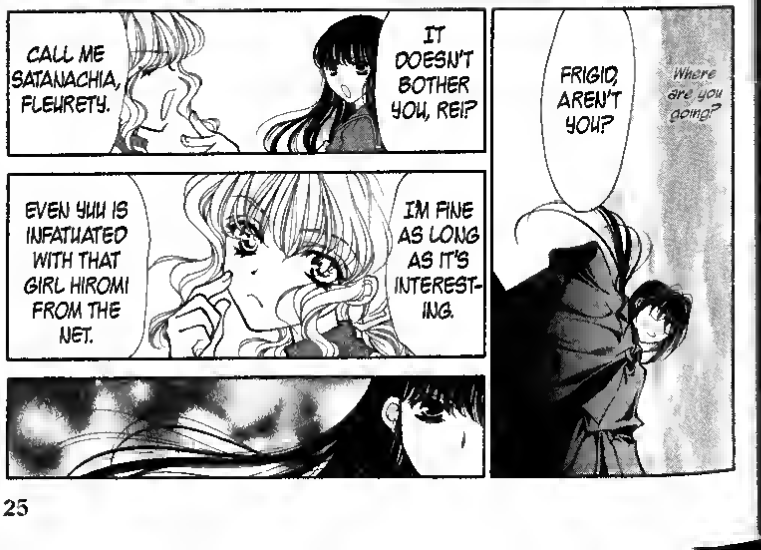
Ren, come on!

Hurry!

I'll go first and wait for you...

...at the usual place!


TSUKIKO... YOU CAME


MY NOSE IS SHARP, YOU KNOW.
LORD NEBIROS...
NO NEED FOR FORMALITY WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?
IS THIS RIGHT?
ARE THESE REALLY LADY NEMAS ORDERS?
HM...
I..

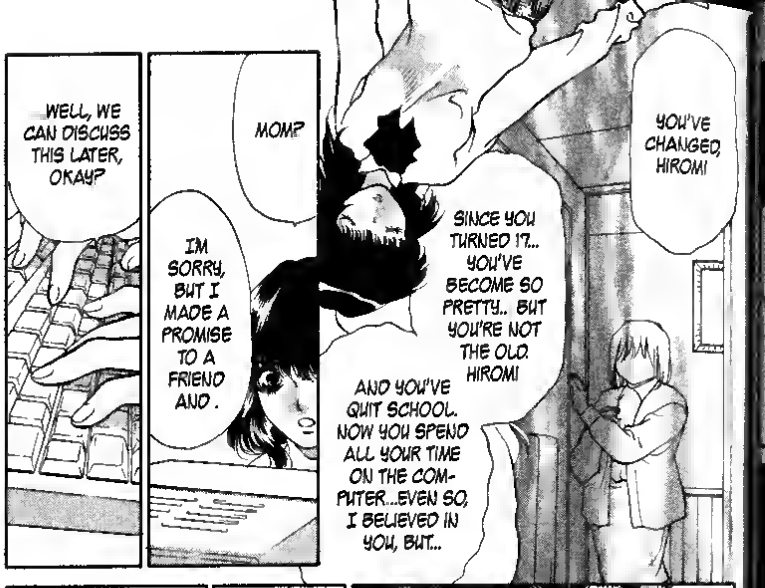
ARE YOU SCARED, FLEURETY?
IS THE WEAK TSUKIKO STILL SHOWING HER FACE?
SHALL I HOLD YOU AND CALM YOUR FEARS?
WHAT I'M AFRAID OF..
...IS YOU, NEBIROS.
I thought I'd see something [illegible] when six of us gathered but...
GET AWAY FROM ME.

Where are you going?
FRIGID, AREN'T YOU?
IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU, REI?
CALL ME SATANACHIA, FLEURETY.
I'M FINE AS LONG AS IT'S INTERESTING.
EVEN YUU IS INFATUATED WITH THAT GIRL HIROMI FROM THE NET.

Hiromi fell to the Diabolo, but retained her human soul, just like us...
IT'S TOO BAD... ABOUT ...BUT I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP FACE HIM.
OKAY... THANKS, HIROMI.
RIGHT NOW, ALL I HAVE IS A POSSIBLE LOCATION.
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR NOW, HIROMI...
TO BE CONTINUED
REN...
...BE CAREFUL, ALL RIGHT?
You have to live...if only to stop me should I become a monster..

WELL NOW...
WHO'LL GO OUT TO MEET HIM FIRST?
ANY VOLUNTEERS?
WAIT. I'LL TRY TO FIND THE BLUE-PRINTS.
Transmitting
Ten years ago it was an empty lot but...
...right now it's a luxurious, yet infamous condominium.
A number of dead bodies have turned up. After a family was murdered, everyone moved out. It's completely vacant.

WHAT...
MOM?
WHO'S THAT ON THE PHONE?
THEY'RE SAYING ON TV THAT COMPUTERS EVERYWHERE HAVE BROKEN DOWN... THAT YOU CAN'T GET ONLINE
ARE YOU ON THE INTERNET?
DON'T LIE TO ME!
THIS GUY FROM THE CHAT ROOM, HE'S AMAZING...
...BUT THE STRANGE THING IS--
IT'S A FRIEND..
HE HELPED ME FIND AN ALTERNATE CONNECTION.


WELL, WE CAN DISCUSS THIS LATER, OKAY?
MOM?
IM SORRY, BUT I MADE A PROMISE TO A FRIEND AND .
YOU'VE CHANGED, HIROMI
SINCE YOU TURNED 17... YOU'VE BECOME SO PRETTY.. BUT YOU'RE NOT THE OLD HIROMI
AND YOU'VE QUIT SCHOOL. NOW YOU SPEND ALL YOUR TIME ON THE COMPUTER...EVEN SO, I BELIEVED IN YOU, BUT...

MOM?
IF YOU WANT TO TALK LATER..
DEVIL!
I'LL BE KILLED.
WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ON THE NEWS...
HEAVEN.
17 YEARS OLD..
CRIMINALS....
ITS ALWAYS THE MOTHER'S FAULT...

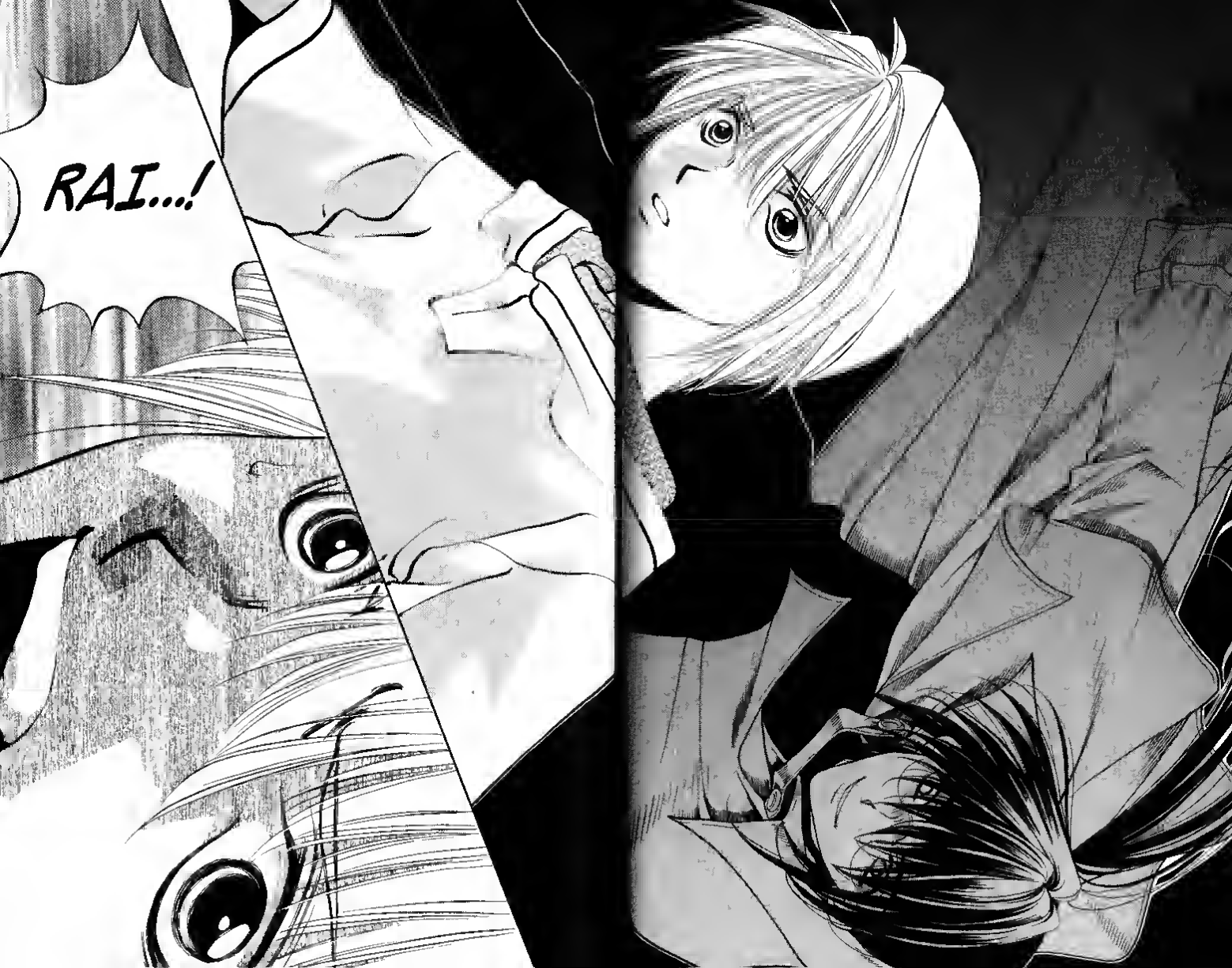
MOM, NO...!
Dammit, Hiromi! I can't wait for you any longer..
What am I gonna do? I have to go in!

YOU'RE GOING TO GO CRAZY AND...
YOU'VE BECOME ONE OF THOSE SATANISTS!
WHAT THEY SAY ON THE NEWS...IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?!

YOU WOULD KILL YOUR OWN MOTHER?!
MOM, STOP IT! YOU'RE THE ONE TALKING CRAZY!

...ONE OF THOSE ANIMALS!
MY LITTLE GIRL...!

I LOVE YOU, HIROMI! I WON'T LET YOU BECOME...
I WON'T LET YOU! I'LL KILL YOU BEFORE YOU KILL ME.


RAI...!

NICE TRY, REN.
BUT YOU CANNOT WIN. YOU WILL BE MINE!

DAMMIT, RAI! IS THIS SOME KIND OF GAME TO YOU?
REN, YOU'RE IT YOU'RE THE DEVIL
STOP IT!
HIDE AND SEEK? OR IS IT TAG?
I've been chasing after you for ten years

How about you chase after me for a change, Ren?
RAI...!
HA HA HA!

RAI, LISTEN...
WE MADE A PACT, REMEMBER?! WE'D LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER!
AND IF ONE OF US EVER FELL TO THE DIABOLO, THE OTHER WOULD SAVE HIM!
CHILDISH NAIVETE. IT'S NOT AS THOUGH DIABOLO ARE SUDDENLY BORN.

IT'S A DARK VIRUS THAT HAS HIDDEN INSIDE HUMANITY FOR A LONG TIME.
IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS INHERITED THROUGH DNA.
YOU CAN'T FIGHT IT. YOU CAN'T DENY YOUR DESTINY.
NOW REN... LET'S PLAY, HMM?

I'VE LAID SOME INTERESTING SURPRISES FOR YOU HERE AND THERE.
I HOPE YOU ENJOY THEM!
Traps? Snares...?
Th...!
KYOUYA....
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I'M SORRY, REN.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO DECEIVE YOU, BUT...
...THIS IS BEYOND UNFORGIVABLE.
IT MAKES ME SICK.
He planned all this...?
What a treacherous little bastard

Salvation
Diabolo

THE GENERAL OF THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS, AGUAREPT...
BSTANDS READY.

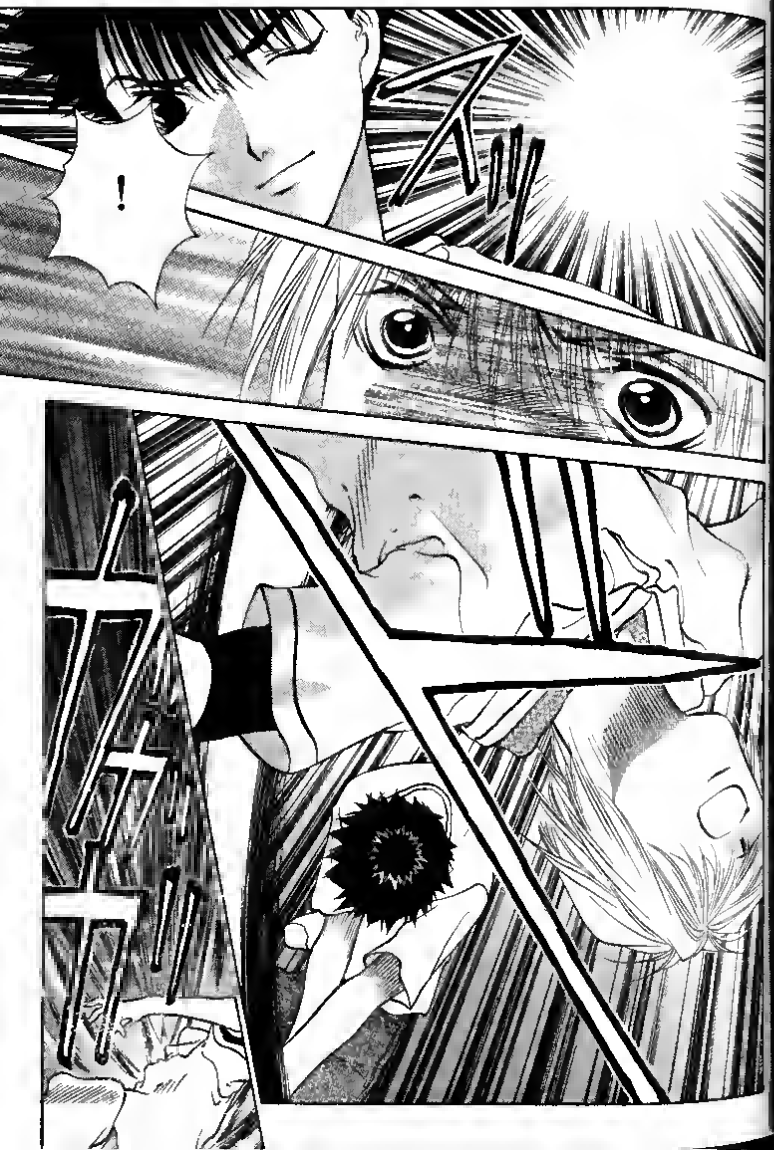
KYOUYA, WAI--
Beloved Rer...
!
MY BRILLIANT AND HONEST, FOUL-MOUTHED BEST FRIEND
You never saw my unavoidable, unbelievable pain, did you?
AND NOW... YOU MUST FALL TO THE SAME DEPTHS AS I HAVE.
You couldn't understand...
...how happy I was that you'd fallen to the Diabolo like me...!

I DID NOT SUMMON YOU, FLEURETY.
WHAT IS IT?
WHY SHOULD WE GO TO THE TROUBLE OF TAKING HIM ON ONE BY ONE IF YOU'RE JUST GOING TO KILL HIM ANYWAY?
WHY, MY DEAR FLEURETY...I COULD NEVER KILL MY BELOVED REN
THIS IS JUST A GAME.
A LITTLE FUN BEFORE THE END.
Ren is a wild dog that won't tame.
I just want to weaken him... wear him out...

STOP IT, KYOUYA!
WHY ARE YOU...?!
LORD NEBIROS...

That's just like us right now.
Nebiros says he won't kill Ren, but...
...what if Ren defeats the Six Great Spirits, one by one? What then?
ARE YOU HOLDING BACK BECAUSE I TOOK CARE OF YOU FOR THE NIGHT?!
HOW LONG CAN YOU RUN, REN?!
HOW NOBLE OF YOU. AND PATHETIC...
WHERE'S YOUR SPECIAL OFFENSE NOW?!

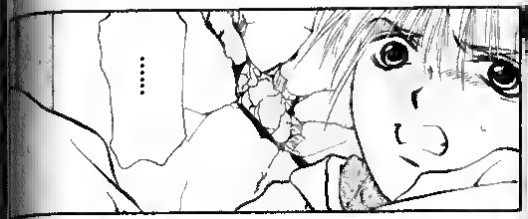
WHY ARE YOU UPSET? WOMEN ARE SO NEUROTIC, AREN'T THEY?
...so that I may hold him
Loneliness...
I REMEMBER THINGS I DON'T WANT TO... HORRIBLE THINGS...
I remember a curse that uses the survivor from a sealed container as a sacrifice


!

THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL GET TO RAI IS THROUGH ME!
WHY?
WHY DO I NEED TO FIGHT YOU, KYOUYA? MY FIGHT IS WITH RAI!
ALL RIGHT...

..TRIED TO SAVE THE PEOPLE WHO'D FALLEN, AND KILLED THEM WITH THAT POWER, RIGHT?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO LISTEN TO THEIR SCREAMS, EH?
.....

RELAX.
IT WILL ALL BE OVER...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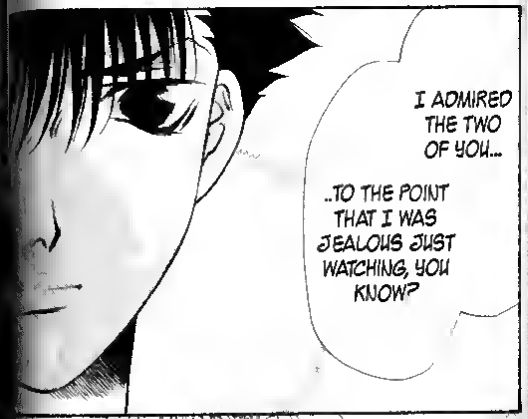
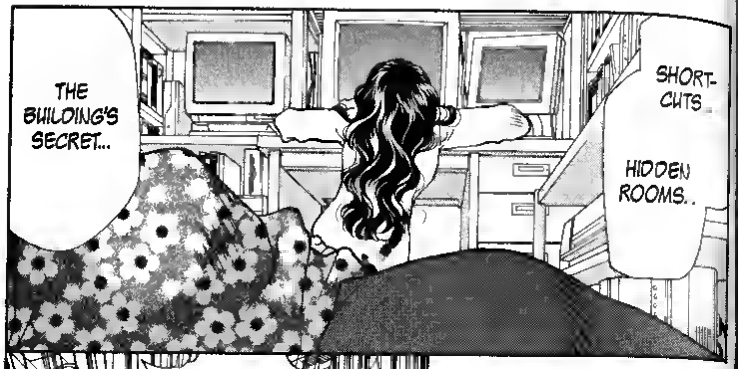
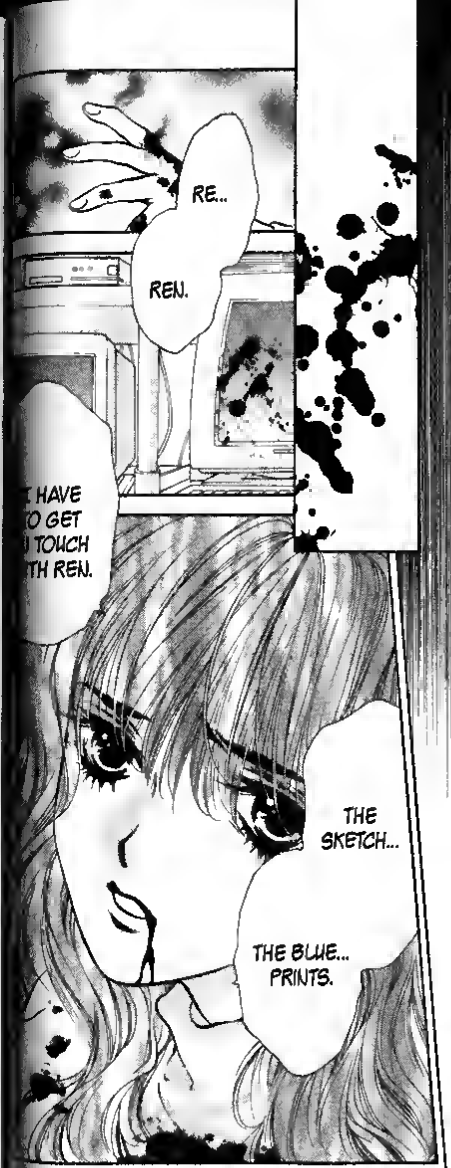

I ADMIRED THE TWO OF YOU...
..TO THE POINT THAT I WAS JEALOUS JUST WATCHING, YOU KNOW?

THE TWO OF YOU...
IF I had even one friend like you...
I might not have fallen either

YOUR OFFENSE IS STRONG, BUT YOUR DEFENSE BLOWS.
YOU WERE REALLY DEPENDANT ON RAI, WEREN'T YOU?


THE BUILDING'S SECRET...
SHORT-CUTS
HIDDEN ROOMS..

YOU'RE ONE OF THEM! I HAVE TO KILL YOU! SAVE YOU!
WE'LL GO TOGETHER!
HIROMI!
Mom...
MOM, NO! STOP!

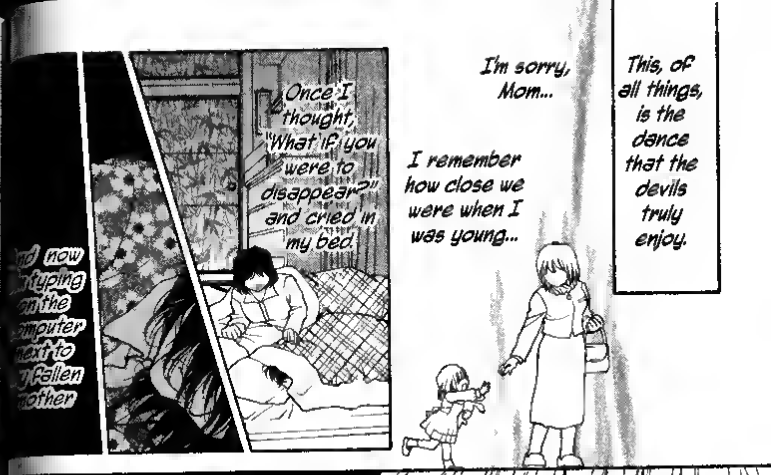

RE...
REN.
I HAVE TO GET TOUCH TH REN.
THE SKETCH...
THE BLUE... PRINTS.

...SOON.

PANT
PANT
MOM?
OOF..
MOM!
The same tragedy is probably repeating itself everywhere
Parents and children trying to kill each other

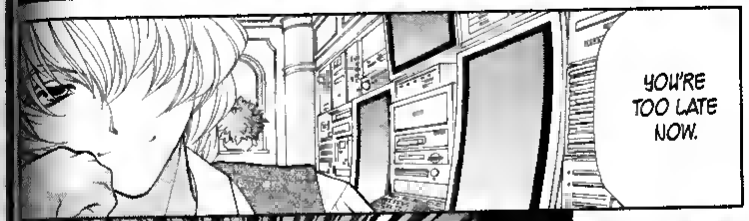
I'LL SAVE YOU, HIROM! I WILL...!
THE POISON...!
MOM--
I GOT SOME MEDICINE FROM THE NEIGHBORS!
A POISON... SOMETHING TO STOP YOUR 17-YEAR-OLD CHILD FROM FALLING TO THE DARKNESS!
IT WILL ONLY HURT FOR A MOMENT!
Got to fight...
She's insane!
NOOOO!!

REN...
Unable to Connect
BUT..THEY SAID THIS CONNECTION WAS SPECIAL...
I CAN'T SEND IT..
WHY?
BLIP
Hey, Hiromi.
WHO?
HUH?
Sorry. You were cute and I liked you, but...
EVEN IF IT'S JUST ON THE NET, I CAN'T LET ANYONE IN.
...I CAN'T LET YOU GET IN THE WAY OF THE GAME

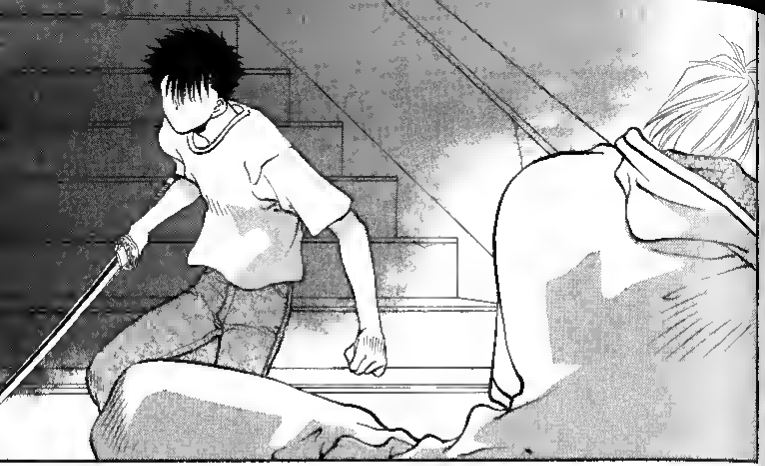

Once I thought, "What if you were to disappear?" and cried in my bed.
I'm sorry, Mom...
I remember how close we were when I was young...
This, of all things, is the dance that the devils truly enjoy.

I have probably already fallen...

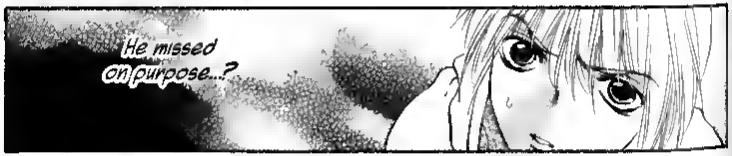
IS THAT SO?
SO YOU WERE ONE OF THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS AFTER ALL...


YOU'RE TOO LATE NOW.

...ME.
Ren is fighting in there alone...
THEN YOUR OPPONENT IS...



QUICK MOVE!


He missed on purpose...?

NO MATTER HOW STRONG YOU ARE, SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF.
TELL ME...
...WHAT ARE THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS? WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT POWERS THAT CAN ONLY HARM OTHERS?

THIS ENDS NOW!

YOU DEVIL!
I GET TO DESTROY A WORLD THAT'S BEEN MAKING ME ROT. I'D SAY THAT'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE, ISN'T IT?
IF I'M GOING TO FALL TO THE DARKNESS ANYWAY, THEN I WANT TO TAKE THE WORLD DOWN WITH ME!
But little by little, Kyouya's movements are slowing down.
It's almost as if he's reading my mind
He can dodge them all.

?!
HMPH!

Yes. Perhaps this...
is the result of my wishes.
Heh heh...
I've done myself in.
KYOUYA!
!
Ungh!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO---

I'M TAKING YOU TO THE HOSPITAL WHEN I'M DONE, OKAY?
YOU WAIT HERE.
HE DIDN'T FINISH ME...
...THAT WAS A STUPID MISTAKE.
I've never seen someone so reckless
HA HA HA HA HA!

KYOWYA!
YOW...
...YOU...DID THIS ON PURPOSE...
YOU'RE SO NAIVE, AREN'T YOU? GO AHEAD... FINISH IT.

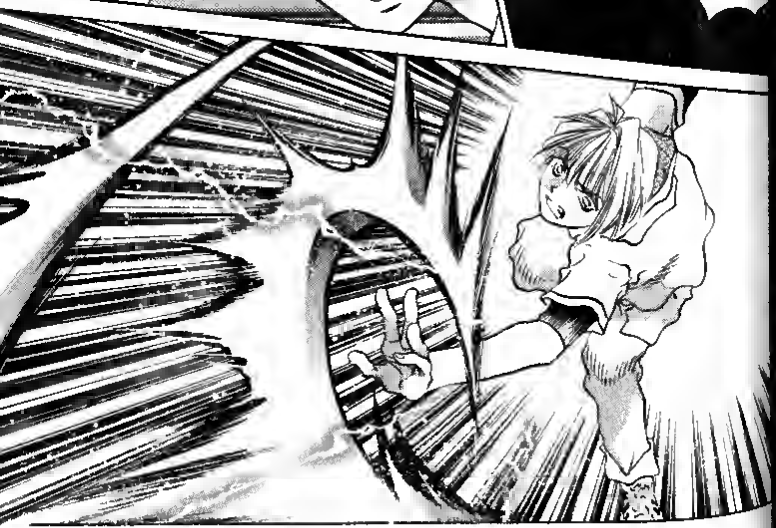
APPEARANCES ARE DECEIVING, EH?
FLEURETY... YOU'RE UP.
Heh.. Haven't laughed like that in a long time.
YOU'RE SAYING TSUKIKO SHOULD CLEANSE HER DIRTY BODY WITH REN'S BLOOD?
WHAT ARE YOU SO UPSET ABOUT?
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
WHY DON'T YOU GO TATTLE TO LADY NEMA OR MASTER?
Hmph
OH DEAR, OH DEAR
DON'T HIDE. COME ON OUT.
...NANA.
Oh...
SARGATA-NAS... NO..
LET'S SHOW REN HOW DIFFICULT SOCIETY CAN BE...
MAYBE YOU'LL DO IT FOR ME?
.....

How many more floors?
This staircase seems to go on forever.
This tension, wasn't it about twelve stories?
IF YOU'RE TIRED, THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULD STOP.
YOU CAN WALK DOWN, BUT...
...IT'S A LOT FASTER IF YOU FALL.
IT'S HARD CHASING AFTER YOUR IDEALS, ISN'T IT?
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, YOU'RE... REI, RIGHT?
ARE YOU ONE OF THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS, TOO?
I'M THE MOST INNOCENT AND SINLESS SPIRIT, SATANACHIA.
AFTER ALL, ME, MYSELF...YOU KNOW, ALL I HAVE IS THIS BEAUTY.

Diabolo
Betrayal
THE FAITHFUL OF HEAVEN, YOU KNOW.
THAT'S WHY MY CAPTIVE DOLLS ARE THE ONES WHO WILL FIGHT.
What the hell am I up against?
!
SCARED YET?
UNLESS YOU DEFEAT ME, YOU CAN'T GET OUT OF THIS CHURCH, MR. NICE GUY.

EVERYBODY! TIME TO FEAST!
THE FEAST FOR THE SABBATH IS A CHILD THAT HASN'T BEEN BAPTIZED!
!

I'D TELL YOU TO MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR GOD. BUT THERE IS NO REDEMPTION FOR SUCH AS WE.
...AS I DRINK SAKE FROM YOUR SHATTERED SKULL!
I'LL TOAST YOUR DEFIANCE, THEN.
YOU'LL NOT FIND ME SO EASY TO KILL, REI!
RAI... SHOW YOURSELF!



ARGH!!
AAAH!!
OH, DEAR.
ARE YOU LEAVING, REN?
JOIN US WE'RE ALL 17 YEAR OLDS.
IF THEY'VE FALLEN DUE TO YOUR POWERS AS ONE OF THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS, THEN
YOU'LL DUPLICATE THE SLAUGHTER LIKE AT THAT UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL, RIGHT?
NOT AGAIN, RAI! NOT EVER AGAIN!
YOU WON'T HURT ANYONE AGAIN! I WON'T LET YOU!
SO AGGRESSIVE, REN! JUST WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A DIABOLO.
I WONDER IF YOUR RESOLVE WOULD HOLD IF I TOLD YOU MIO WAS HERE?
WHAT?!
MIO?!
YOU.. MIO...
I know Mio-chan!

Treasure me.
Love me.
Listen to my wishes.
... NEBIROS IS SCARIER THAN LADY NEMA OR THE MASTER
I MUST OBEY. I HAVE NO CHOICE
BUT NEBIROS'S ORDERS.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING, BUT...
REN..
...I WANTED TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOU ...

I'm pitiful, too
Adults have treated me horribly since I was little.
They all enjoyed themselves
Look at me.
See? I'm pretty, aren't I?
NO...
!

WELL, TO DIE AT YOUR BEAUTIFUL HANDS...I GUESS THAT'S NOT TOO BAD.
NEBIROS SENT YOU INSTEAD OF COMING HIMSELF, EH?
YOU'RE TO BE MY ASSASSIN?
KYOUYA...
YOU... DISAPPOINT ME.

DIE!!
HMPH.
I DION'T THINK IT'D END LIKE THIS...

THE SPIRIT GENERAL, AGUAREPT...
...CHOOSES DEATH BECAUSE HE IS SICK? THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE COME TO?
IT'S PITIFUL THAT YOU'VE BECOME SO WEAK.
A LITTLE IRONIC COMING FROM YOU, TSUKIKO
.....
IF YOU SO DESIRE DEATH, GENERAL...
...THEN I WILL BE HAPPY TO GRANT YOUR REQUEST.

FLEURETY, QUEEN OF THE NIGHT... SO BE IT.
NOW, EVERYBODY!
CUT HIM DOWN!
SLICE HIM THINLY...
...BECAUSE A FRICASSEE IS A STEW OF THINLY SLICED MEAT!

He's disappeared..?
WH...?
HUH?
Where in the world..?
THIS POWER...
...IT COULDN'T BE...!

BYE BYE.

I KNOW YOU'RE HERE, REN. COME OUT!
JOIN US...
...AND WE CAN END THIS CONFLICT, AND BE ONE AGAIN!
REN?
COME ON...
Nana ?
ARE YOU PLANNING TO BETRAY US, BRIGADIER MAJOR SARGATANAS?

YOU'RE SO PURDY, AIN'TCHA SATANACHIA?
AH'D LIKE YA TO TELL ME HOW YOU REALLY BEEN FEELIN'.
YOU DONE PLAYED ME FOR A FOOL THIS WHOLE TIME, AIN'T YA?
WHAT IS IT, NANA? SULKING AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
IT REALLY DOES NOT BECOME YOU.
YEAH
THAT'S IT.
H AIN'T RETTY.
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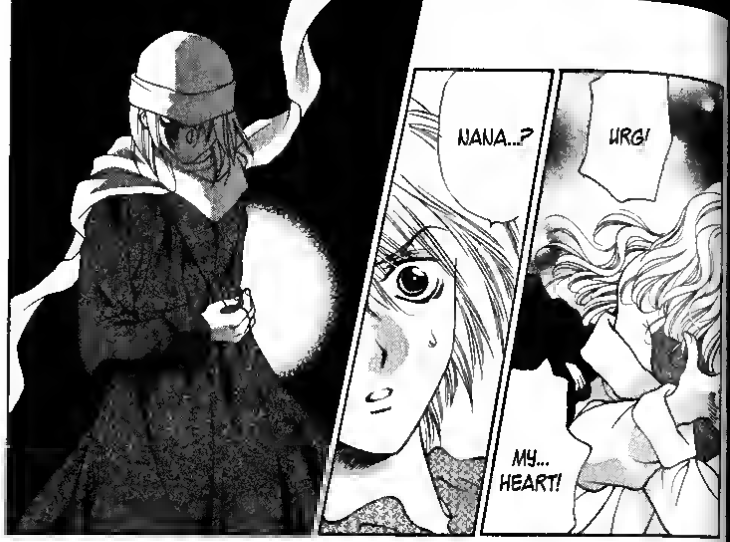
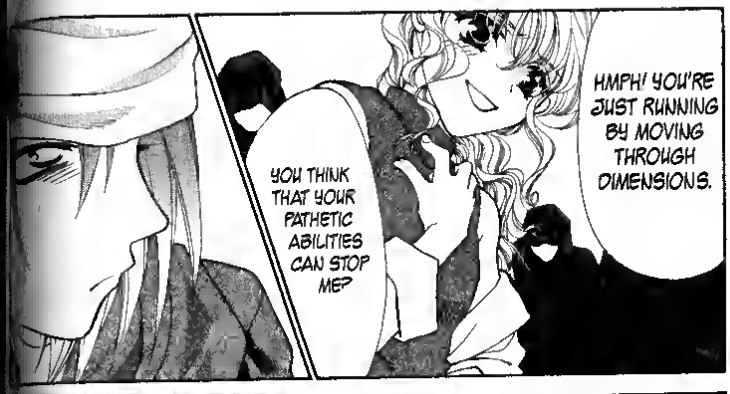
AH KNOW YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH HELL 'CUZ YOU'RE PURDY AN' ALL, BUT...
Nana...?
What in the world is she...?
AH WAS SO JEALOUS OF YOU.
AND THEN...
.. AH HATED YOU
STOP HER!

STOP!
IT AIN'T NO USE ATTACKIN' ME.
DON'T INTERFERE, REN.
REI
YOU KNOW OF MUH POWERS, DON'TCHA?

NANA! RUN!
MY SPELL WORE OFF ALREADY?
HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?!
HOW DARE YOU GET IN MY WAY, NANA!
YOU'LL PAY FOR BETRAYING ME LIKE THIS!
THEN YOU DIE ALONE!
AH'M TIRED.
REI, YOU GIT HOME, TOO. JUST QUIT.


NANA...?
URG!
MY... HEART!


HMPH! YOU'RE JUST RUNNING BY MOVING THROUGH DIMENSIONS.
YOU THINK THAT YOUR PATHETIC ABILITIES CAN STOP ME?

IT AIN'T MOVIN'.
AHM CONNECTING TWO DIMENSIONS.

YOU DON'T PLAY FAIR, NANA
YOU SAID THAT YOU'D LET ME IN AS A FRIEND... THAT YOU'D SAVE ME.
AND THEN... WHEN YOU PRETENDED TO SYMPATHIZE WITH ME, YOU WERE PITYING ME AND MAKING FUN OF ME.
SOME FRIEND. YOU'RE THE WORST.

YER RIGHT, REI.

GAAAGH!
SQUISH
AH'LL SAVE YA, AS A FRIEND.
AH DON'T WANTA SEE YA SINNIN' NO MORE.
REI, FERGIVE ME.
THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS... THERE AIN'T NO BOND BETWEEN US

She really cared for Rei...
BUT...
IT WUZ LIKE A DREAM AN'... AH THOUGHT I'D DONE FAINTED.
...HELD MUH AN GENTLY CALLED MUH "NANA"
JES' LIKE A LOVER.
.. AH'M A TULSA GIRL... STRONG AN' INDEPEN-DENT.
NANA...? WHAT THE...?!
REI DIED AN' THE SPELL DONE WORE OFF
WE GOT BACK TO THIS DIMENSION AN' THEY GONE BACK TO BEIN' CORPSES.
YOU...
YOU SAVED ME! WHY WOULD YOU...
...SAVE ME?
RAI...

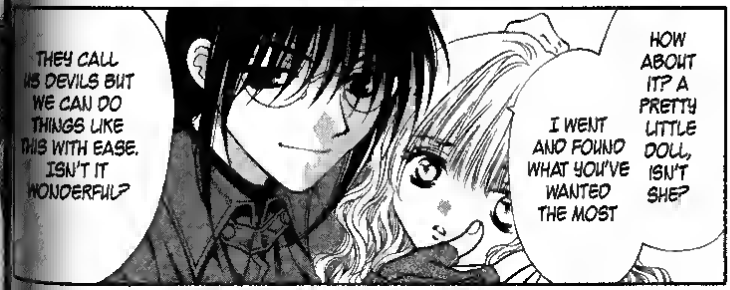
AH AIN'T FALLIN' FOR NO COWARDLY SNARE LIKE THAT.
THE RAI AH CARED FER WOULD NEVER DO NOTHIN' LIKE THAT.
That ain't Rai no more.
THAT'D SPEAK SWEET WORDS TO A GIRL HE DON'T LOVE AND TRY AN' DECEIVE HER.
AH DONE HAD ENOUGH. TO GIT HIM BACK TO THE OLD RAI....
THERE AIN'T NO ONE ELSE BUT YOU
LADY NEMA SAID THAT THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF IT ALL.
NEBIROS... HE'S OBSESSED WITH THE LIKES O' YOU.
NEMA?
That woman?
MASTER'S WIFE...
MASTER DONE SAID HE STARTED THE RITUAL HERE 10 YEARS BACK.
THE MASTER...?
WAS HE THE GUY WHO HAD ME AND RAI DO THE RITUAL WHEN WE WERE KIDS?
HE SAID IT WAS FOR MIO'S SAKE, BUT HE TRICKED US AND SACRIFICED HER!
NANA...?

HMPH.
WOMEN! SO COMPLEX AND SUSPICIOUS. THEY'RE A HANDFUL.
BUT YOU'RE THE BEST AFTER ALL, REN.
AND THEY SAY THE CUTE ONE'S ARE DUMB.
...AND WE AREN'T FRIENDS.
YOU CAN REST ASSURED.. THERE'S MEANING TO THEIR DEATHS....
WHAT ABOUT YOU AND NANA?
RAI, WHY... WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
THIS ISN'T SOME KIND OF GAME! WE'RE NOT TOYS! WE WERE FRIENDS!
RAI...!

It couldn't be...
That's....
I ONLY WANT YOU, REN.
BELIEVE ME... IT'S THE ONLY WAY!
YOU HAVE TO JOIN ME, REN...
COME CLOSER.
GET STRONGER AND STRONGER. GET CLOSER TO ME!
I HAVE A REWARD FOR YOU.

MIO!
THAT RITUAL TEN YEARS AGO WAS JUST PART OF IT.
WHAT? YOU AREN'T AS HAPPY AS I THOUGHT YOU'D BE IM DISAPPOINTED.
DUE TO HER UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES, MIO HASN'T AGED.
NOT SO FAST, REN!
THERE ARE STILL A FEW SPIRITS LEFT, AREN'T THERE?
YOU'LL HAVE TO DEFEAT THEM TO GET TO ME!
I THOUGHT WE'D FINISH UP THE RITUAL HERE, ON THIS ROOFTOP... RIGHT NOW.
CAN YOU STOP ME IN TIME, REN?

My cousin! She went missing ten years ago!
...MIO?!


THEY CALL US DEVILS BUT WE CAN DO THINGS LIKE THIS WITH EASE. ISN'T IT WONDERFUL?
I WENT AND FOUND WHAT YOU'VE WANTED THE MOST
HOW ABOUT IT? A PRETTY LITTLE DOLL, ISN'T SHE?

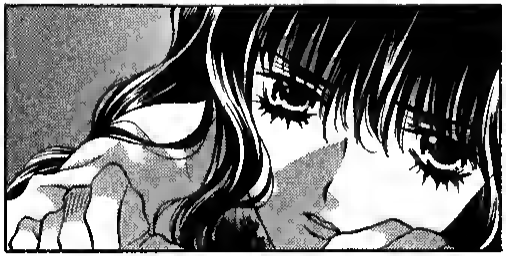
SHE'S SEVEN YEARS OLD. SHE HASN'T AGED A DAY. IS THIS SOME KIND OF ILLUSION THAT YOU CREATED...?
WHY HASN'T MIO GROWN?
WAIT A MINUTE.

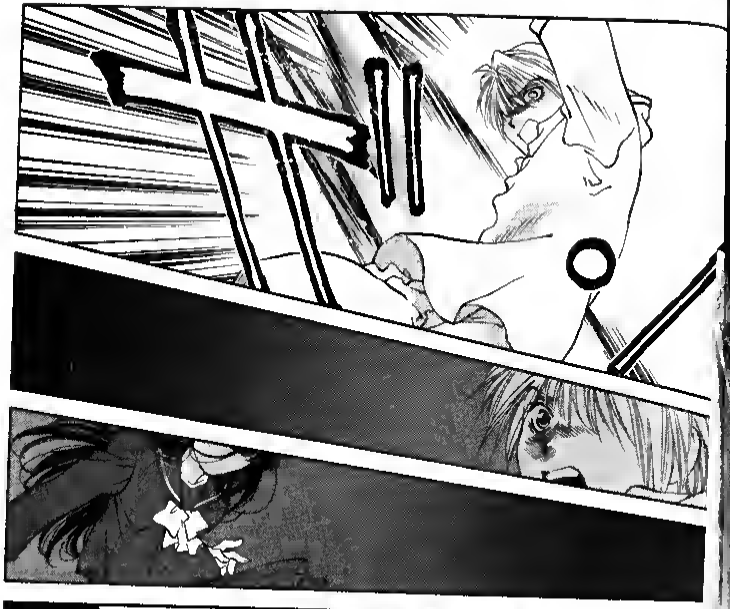
When this horrible play reaches its final act...
...what will it call forth?
a brand from the devil...
...wounds that will never disappear.
the key to the Sabbath...
I finally found her... in a place like this...
I'LL SAVE YOU, MIO...!
REN...
NO! I WON'T LET YOU, RA!!
MIO! MIO!
That's definitely Mio...
That smile... like she's just about to cry...
MIO...

Final Battle

Diabolo

The destruction of this world is at hand
...in dange..r ...
I have to stop the Ritual!
Mio's life is...



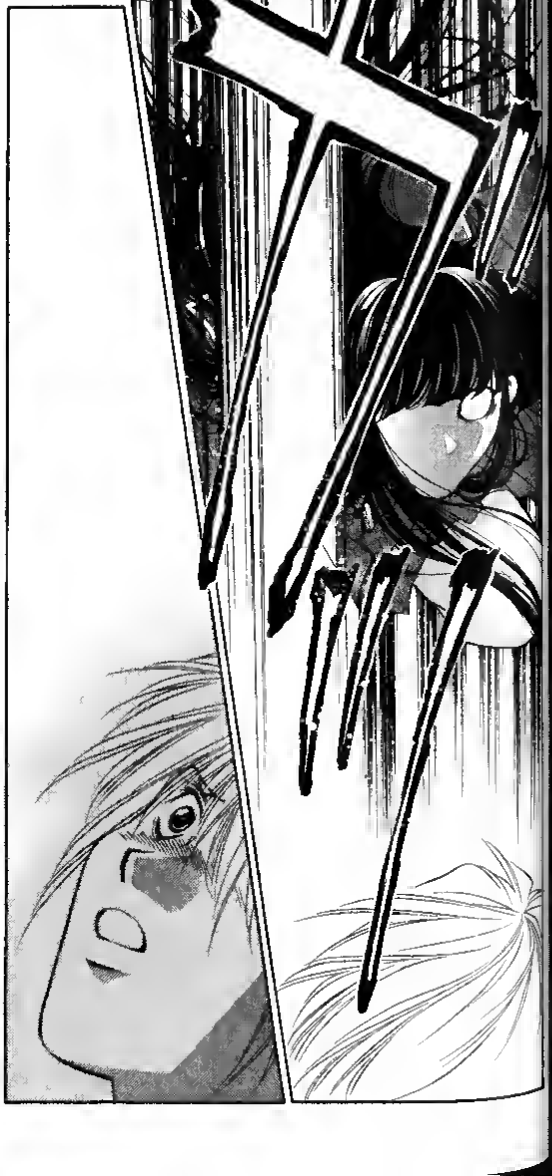


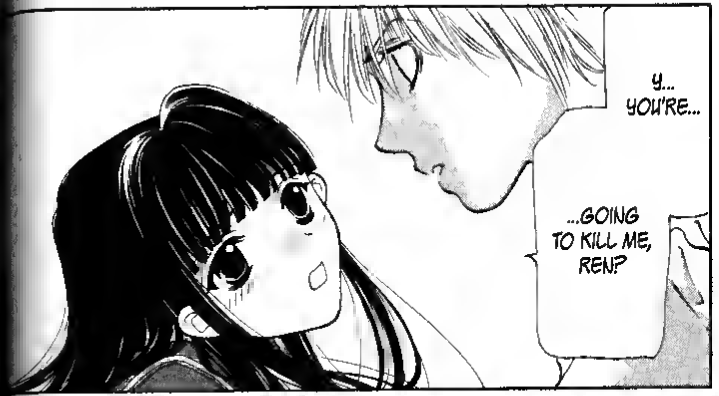
TSUKIKO?
NO, YOU'RE...

I AM LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FLEURETY!
...Tsukiko's other personality--one of the Six Great Spirits.
NOW DIE!!
YOU FIGHT LIKE KYOUYA!
That style of fighting...
That sword...
THAT'S RIGHT... I HAVE KYOUYA'S POWER!
I CAN READ YOUR SOUL, TOO.
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?!

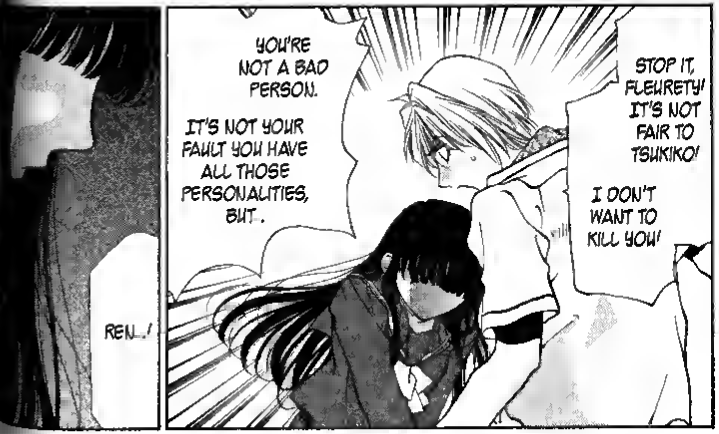
ENOUGH!
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS. GET OUT OF MY WAY!
SHIT!
She's reading all my moves!
...!
I'll aim for the ceiling and her feet
She can't be at two places...
...at the same time.

...
YOU'RE LYING! YOU KILLED HIM...
DIDN'T YOU?!
MY POWER AT NIGHT IS UNLIMITED. I CAN DUPLICATE THE POWERS OF OTHERS!
JUST LIKE ONE OF MY MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES...IT'S MY SPECIALTY.




Y... YOU'RE...
...GOING TO KILL ME, REN?

I THOUGHT U CARED.
WHY..WHY WOULD YOU HURT ME, REN?
I THOUGHT...
Is this the real you?
TSUKIKO?!

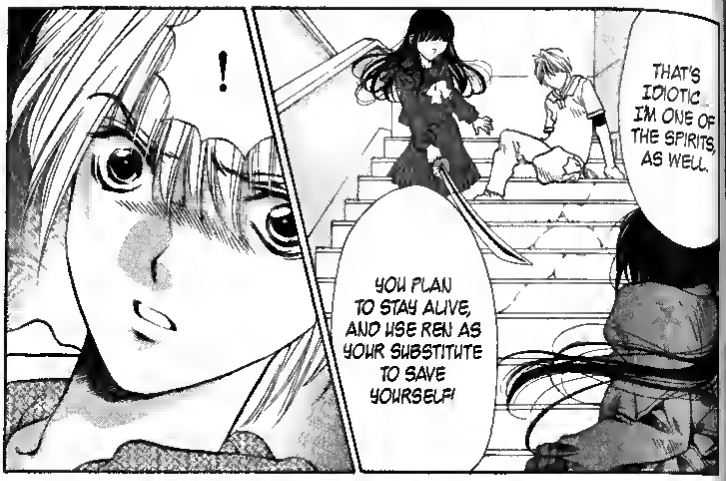

REN...!
YOU'RE NOT A BAD PERSON.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT YOU HAVE ALL THOSE PERSONALITIES, BUT.
STOP IT, FLEURETY! IT'S NOT FAIR TO TSUKIKO!
I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU!

RAI...!

GET AWAY FROM HERE!
I WON'T LET YOU GO TO RAI!
TSUKIKO? WHAT IS IT...?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

QUICKLY! BEFORE THE DAY BREAKS...
YOU NEED TO RUN.. AS FAR AS YOU CAN IF YOU CAN GET AWAY TODAY, THEN MAYBE, JUST MAYBE THINGS WILL WORK OUT.

...OR ELSE I'LL KILL YOU HERE!


!
YOU PLAN TO STAY ALIVE, AND USE REN AS YOUR SUBSTITUTE TO SAVE YOURSELF!
THAT'S IDIOTIC... I'M ONE OF THE SPIRITS, AS WELL.

I'LL STAND AGAINST YOU, NEBIROS.
...BUT I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF BEING USED.
I WON'T BEG FOR MY LIFE...

MY DEAR FLEURETY... YOU'VE GOT ME

CONTINUE YOUR BATTLE WITH REN. NOW!
JUST AS I EXPECTED, FLEURETY.
YOU TALK TOO MUCH. YOU MUSTN'T AVOID YOUR WORK

TONIGHT, THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS ARE THE SACRIFICES, AREN'T THEY?
YOU JUST LAUGH, AND LOOK ON FROM AFAR.
AGLIAREPT HAS BEEN DEFEATED. SATANACHIA AND SARGATANAS HAVE FALLEN AS WELL.
DON'T YOU, NEBIROS?

YOU'RE TOO PERSISTENT.
I DON'T LIKE BEING SPIED UPON, EITHER.
Lady Nema and Master!
...she can't dodge them all!!
Even if she can read the attacks of three people at the same time
URGH...
!
TSUKIKO!

STOP IT, RAI!
I SHOULD HAVE DONE YOU BEFORE I DID NANA.

UGH...!
EVEN WITH YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE, YOU CAN'T HELP BEING NOBLE, CAN YOU?
STAY OUT OF THIS, REN
YOUR POWERS WON'T HELP THE ONLY NORMAL GRAVITY IS IN THE DIMENSION INSIDE THIS BUILDING.

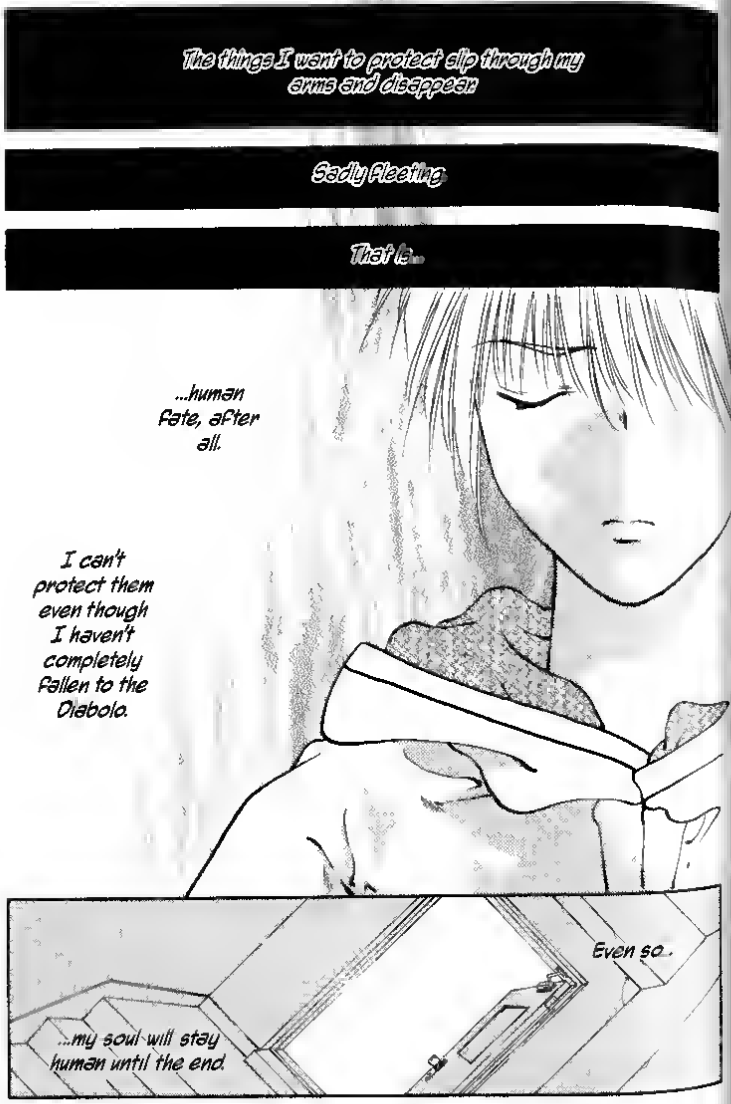
OOF!

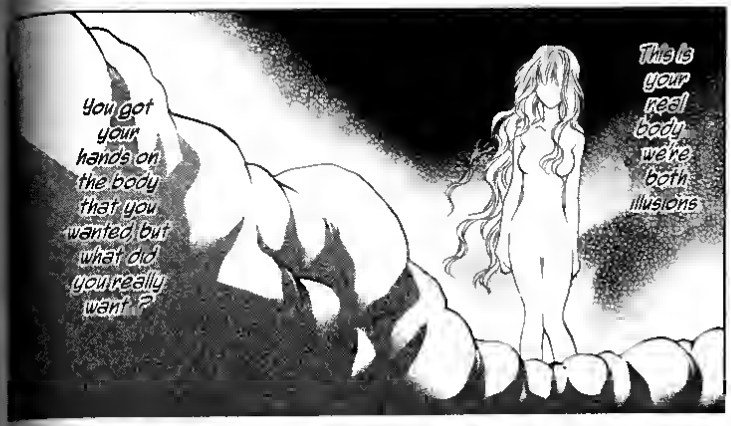
PROMISE ME..
EVEN IF YOU LIVE..EVEN IF YOU ACHIEVE VICTORY OVER NEBIROS..THAT YOU WON'T FALL.
PROMISE...
Be strong, Ren.

MIO IS WAITING, YOU KNOW.
DROP THAT WOMAN AND COME OVER HERE.
IM GETTING BORED, REN.
BUT I TRIED TO KILL YOU!
YOU... YOU'RE TOO KIND
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHY DON'T YOU LET GO OF MY HAND? IM STILL HOLDING A SWORD, YOU KNOW!
Gravity...too strong! Can't...
OOF..
...can't hold on... much...
IT'S A WEAKNESS! YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE VICTORY OVER NEBIROS LIKE THAT.
I CAN'T... I WON'T!
.....

TSUKIKO!
I'm fine.
I couldn't protect them.
...again...
Perhaps this is the fate I deserve...
Something I held..I lost again.
RE... REN-KUN...
NOW LET GO OF MY HAND.
YOU'LL BE DRAGGED DOWN, TOO!
Tsukiko...?
STOP!
I'M NOT LONELY. THERE ARE A LOT OF PERSONALITIES WITHIN TSUKIKO.
YOU JUST DRIFT ETERNALLY..
YOU CAN'T FALL TO A WORLD WITHOUT GROUND. YOU WON'T FALL ANYWHERE.
THERE'S A BARRIER AROUND THIS BUILDING
UH...!
TH-THANK YOU.

Mother..
Tsukiko
Nana
I killed them all..
At least Mia...
OH...?
SO THE BARRIER'S BEEN BROKEN
IT SEEMS MASTER LUCIFUGE HAS BEEN DEFEATED.
IT'S EARLIER THAN PLANNED, BUT..THAT'S FINE.
ALL WILL END TONIGHT...


The things I want to protect slip through my arms and disappear.
Sadly fleeting.
That is...
...human fate, after all.
I can't protect them even though I haven't completely fallen to the Diabolo.
Even so...
...my soul will stay human until the end.


You got your hands on the body that you wanted but what did you really want...?
This is your real body we're both illusions

Ren... I tried hard, you know?
So it's okay, right...?
I'll return to being my mom's daughter soon...

RAI!

AH! FINALLY YOU'VE COME TO ME, REN.

YOUR RAGE HAS MADE YOU POWERFUL, REN! IM GLAD...
WHOA!
GIVE IN TO YOUR RAGE, REN! JOIN ME!
Don't listen to him... Don't listen to his voice. Don't look at his eyes. That which was Rei, is now...
...the seduction of the devil.
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GIVE MIO BACK! WHERE IS SHE?!
HA HA!

WHAT?
IT'S A WEAPON OF YOUR BELOVED HUMANITY.
!
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH A SOCIETY WHERE SUCH AN EVIL THING CAN BE SO EASILY OBTAINED BY A 17-YEAR-OLD, DON'T YOU AGREE?
FINALLY... WE CAN RELAX AND HAVE A CONVERSATION, HM?
SUCH AN ANGRY CHILD, AREN'T YOU?
YES ..HE WAS INSOLENT IN THE PAST.
WELL, MIO IS...
WHY DID YOU TARGET MIO? WHY DID YOU MAKE US SUFFER SUCH A FATE?
YOU'RE THE LAST OF THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS?
That's Nema and the Master?
OH DEAR, OH DEAR.
YOU'RE AFTER MY BODY THEN? YOU MAKE ME SICK.
I'LL THROW AWAY THIS BODY OF MINE AND.. BECOME ONE WITH YOU, MY OTHER HALF.
DON'T WORRY, REN.
THERE'S NO WAY I'D MAKE YOU A SACRIFICE.

WHATEVER!
WE'LL BE FREE SOON.
THIS GAME IS OVER
WHAT..?
WHA--
AAAAHH!!
NO!! HOW...?!

...OUR DAUGHTER, AFTER ALL.

YOU WOULD PUT YOUR OWN DAUGHTER THROUGH THIS FOR GREED?
YOU'RE INSANE!
IT WAS MONEY FOR ME. IT'S MY ONLY GOD..
I WANTED TO BE YOUNG AGAIN. I WANTED TO BE ETERNALLY SEVENTEEN... I DIDN'T WANT TO BECOME AN OLD LADY
W--WHAT?

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MIO?
OH, EXPLANATIONS... WHERE SHOULD I START...
...MY MASTER?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?!
I HAVE NO NEED OF THEM ANYMORE THEY'RE JUST PAWNS DECORATIVE...FOR APPEARANCES, REALLY
WHAT'S GOING ON?
NOW, MIO, COME HERE
YOU AND THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS ARE ALREADY IN OUR HANDS.

STUPID DISGUSTING BRAT! OH, I HATE IT, HATE IT! YOU JUST COST ME TIME AND MONEY!

LET'S HURRY UP KILL HER...

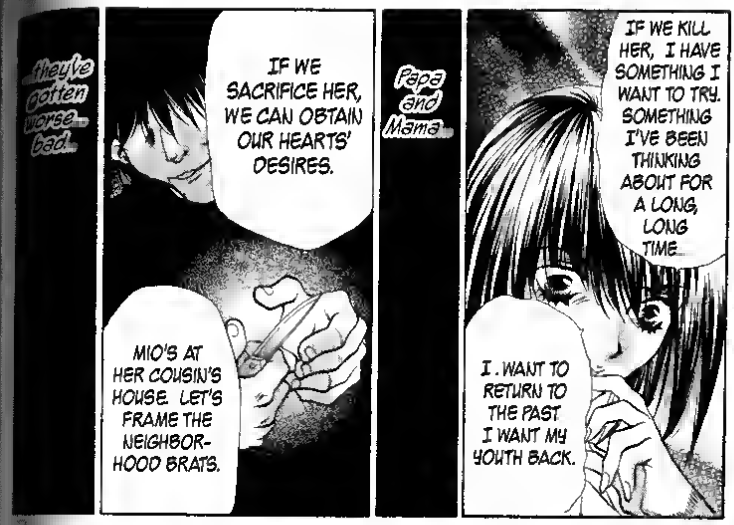
...AND CLAIM THE INSURANCE MONEY!

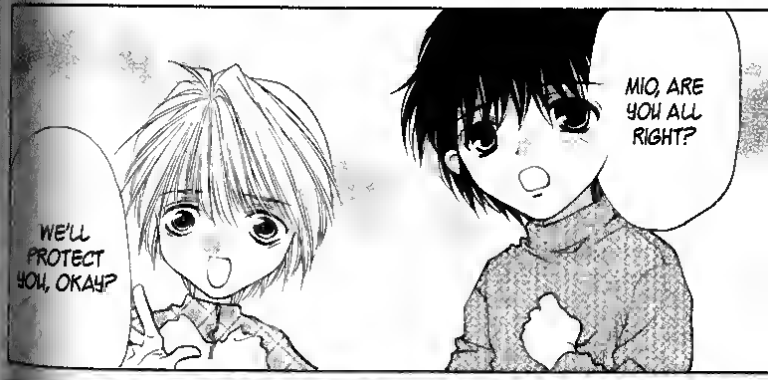
I'm fine.

It's all right because I've already given up.

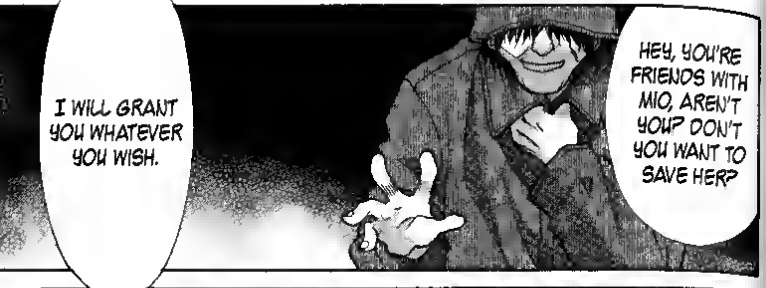
Mio is fine.

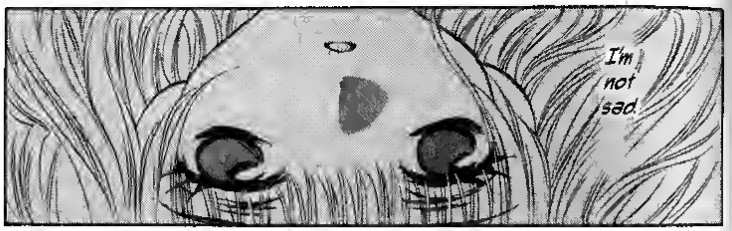
Promise
Diabolo


They've gotten worse... bad...
IF WE SACRIFICE HER, WE CAN OBTAIN OUR HEARTS' DESIRES.
MIO'S AT HER COUSIN'S HOUSE. LET'S FRAME THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD BRATS.
Papa and Mama...
IF WE KILL HER, I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO TRY. SOMETHING I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT FOR A LONG, LONG TIME...
I...WANT TO RETURN TO THE PAST. I WANT MY YOUTH BACK.


MIO, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WE'LL PROTECT YOU, OKAY?

I'm fine.


I WILL GRANT YOU WHATEVER YOU WISH.
HEY, YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH MIO, AREN'T YOU? DON'T YOU WANT TO SAVE HER?

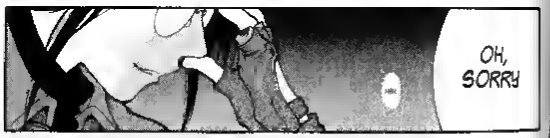

I'm not sad.

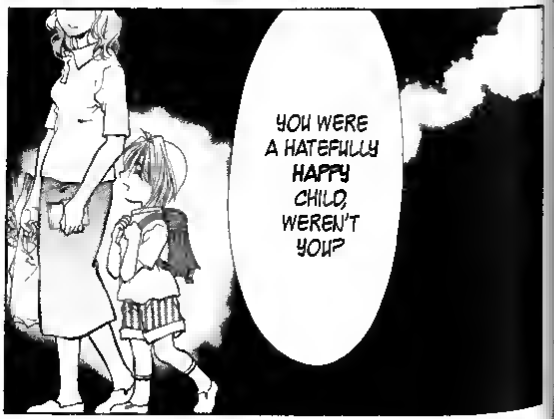
MIO?
THAT SOUNDS KINDA SUSPI-CIOUS. BE CAREFUL, RAI.
HEY, REN!
THEY SAY ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS HELP A LITTLE AND OUR WISH WILL COME TRUE!
DIDJA HEAR WHAT I SAID?
HEY, REN! LISTEN TO THIS...!
THEY PROMISE WE CAN MAKE MIO WELL.

Cough
MIO...?!
SHOULD WE CALL AN AMBU-LANCE?
LET'S LOOK FOR THAT OLD MAN!
RAI! WHAT KIND OF STUPID--
Did you call us?
MISTER, PLEASE SAVE MIO!
WE'LL DO WHATEVER YOU SAY!
WE PROMISED WE'D PROTECT MIO!
Hurt by those who should love me...
It's okay if they kill me
WHA.. WHAT IS IT? WHY?
WHAT'S HAPPEN--
AAHH...
I can't die if this world is peace-ful.
I won't allow it
WHOA?!
..I don't want anyone else besides Mio to be happy!
..but..

THEY'RE GONE! DEFEATED! IT'S OUR WISH COME TRUE!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY LIVED
THINK ABOUT IT, REI. EVEN THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS ARE JUST PITIFUL CHILDREN!

WISH...?


OH, SORRY


YOU WERE A HATEFULLY **HAPPY** CHILD, WEREN'T YOU?

BUT THAT'S...
...MIO.
YOU STARTED IT ALL...?
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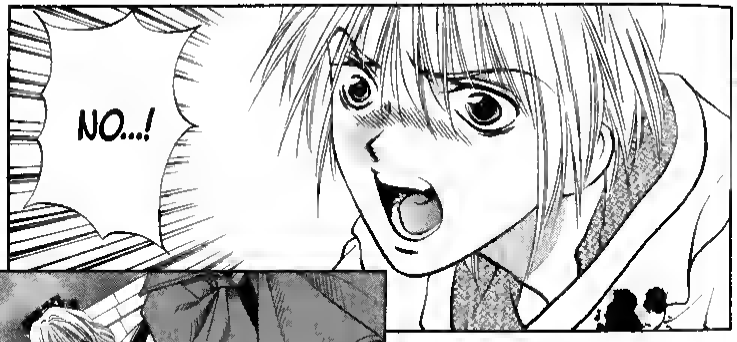
MIO REALIZED HER TRUE FEELINGS AND USED HER PARENTS TO TAME HER SPONSOR, LUCIFUGE..
THOUGH IT TOOK N YEARS O CARRY OUT THE ORIGINAL RITUAL.

MIO WAS THE SACRIFICE, BUT SHE WAS CHOSEN BY THE DEVIL... AND THE PARENTS BECAME THE PAWNS.
MIO'S WISH MUST HAVE BEEN MORE PURE AND ATTRACTIVE THAN THE EGOS OF WORTHLESS ADULTS.

It should all break.

THAT'S RIGHT. I GOT YOU INVOLVED. I DESTROYED YOUR HAPPY LITTLE FAMILY...AND NOT BY ACCIDENT, EITHER.
POOR REN. COME TO ME.
I'LL PUT YOUR MISERY TO AN END.


NO...!

HURRY UP AND GET OVER HERE, YOU FAILURE.

WHEN THE RITUAL IS COMPLETED, THE GATE WILL OPEN.
ON THE OTHER SIDE 'IN THE WORLD OF THE DIABOLO' THERE IS A BEAUTIFUL DANCE OF CHAOS AND ANNIHILATION
Inside me...I can only hear the wails of the souls of the dead.
I don't understand anything anymore.
Mother..

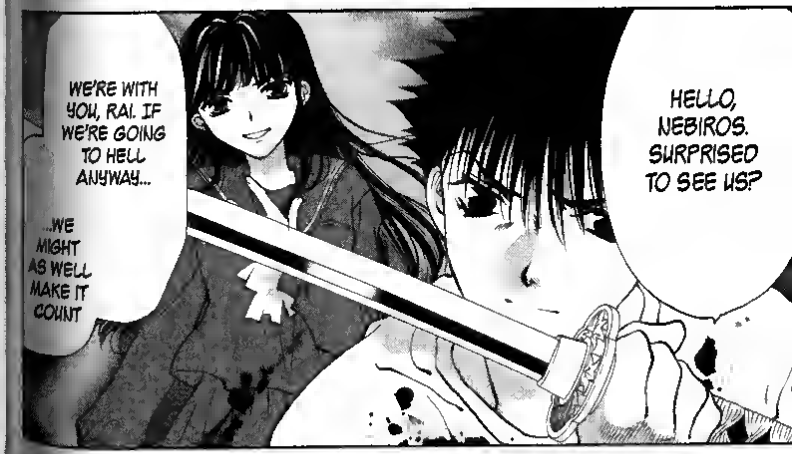
REN.

IT'S ALL RIGHT. I WON'T LET IT HURT, REN.
YOU'LL LIVE MERGED WITH ME. WE CAN WATCH OVER ALL THE COMING DESTRUCTION.
It wasn't enough to fall to the Diabolo together.
This whole time I wanted to become you
How sad that you should become mixed up with the likes of us.
I hated, envied and loved you, Ren
...

MIO...!
!
What?
My body it's...
URGH!

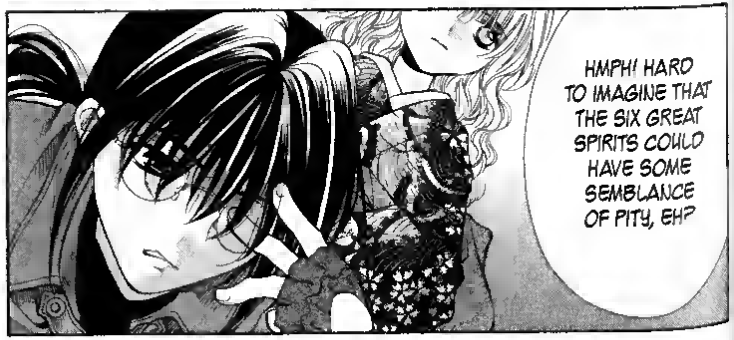
REN!

TSUKIKO! KYOUYA! YOU'RE ALIVE!
HMPH.


HELLO, NEBIROS. SURPRISED TO SEE US?
WE'RE WITH YOU, RAI. IF WE'RE GOING TO HELL ANYWAY...
...WE MIGHT AS WELL MAKE IT COUNT

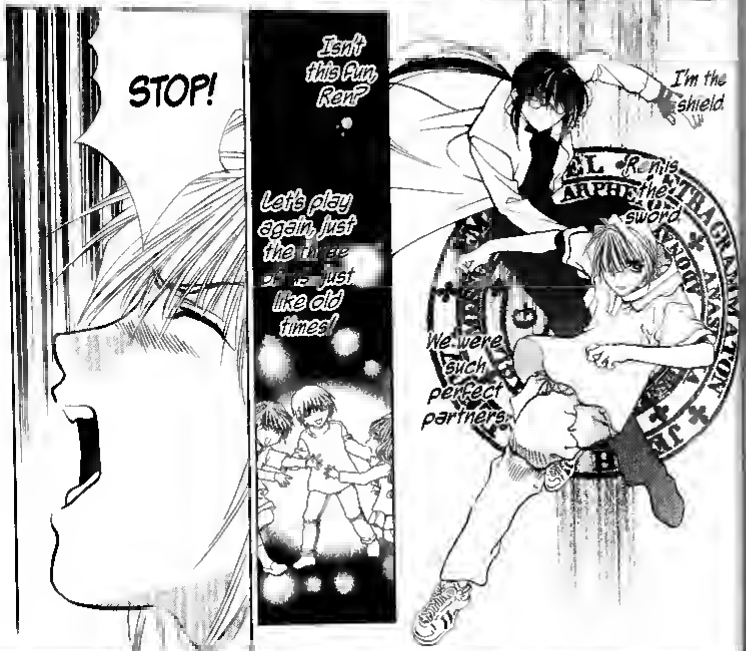
TSUKIKO... BUT YOU FELL...!
HANDY, EH?
I TOLD YOU I'M INVINCIBLE AT NIGHT
RAI KILLED NANA, BUT SHE SAVED ME.

...in the end...
...he'll be human.
My poor boy.
Please save him.
If you combine your powers together then maybe, just maybe ..


HMPH! HARD TO IMAGINE THAT THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS COULD HAVE SOME SEMBLANCE OF PITY, EH?

I FEEL GUILTY TARGETING A CHILD...
YOU'RE TOO LATE! LOOK AT THE SKY! THAT'S THE GATE!
I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OF YOU BEFORE THE DAY BREAKS, ANYWAY.

YOU'RE SO MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN THE OTHERS, REN
YOU SHOULD BE HURT THE MOST, BUT YOU'RE FULL OF POWER..


STOP!
Isn't this fun, Ren?
Let's play again, just the three of us just like old times!
I'm the shield.
Ren is the sword
We were such perfect partners..

THIS IS SO BORING.
It's a world of difference.
I can't touch...
YOU COULD RUIN IT IF YOU INTERFERE. YOU'LL WASTE THEIR VALUE AS A SACRIFICE.
MIO, LEAVE IT TO ME.
OOF!

RAI!
HA!
O

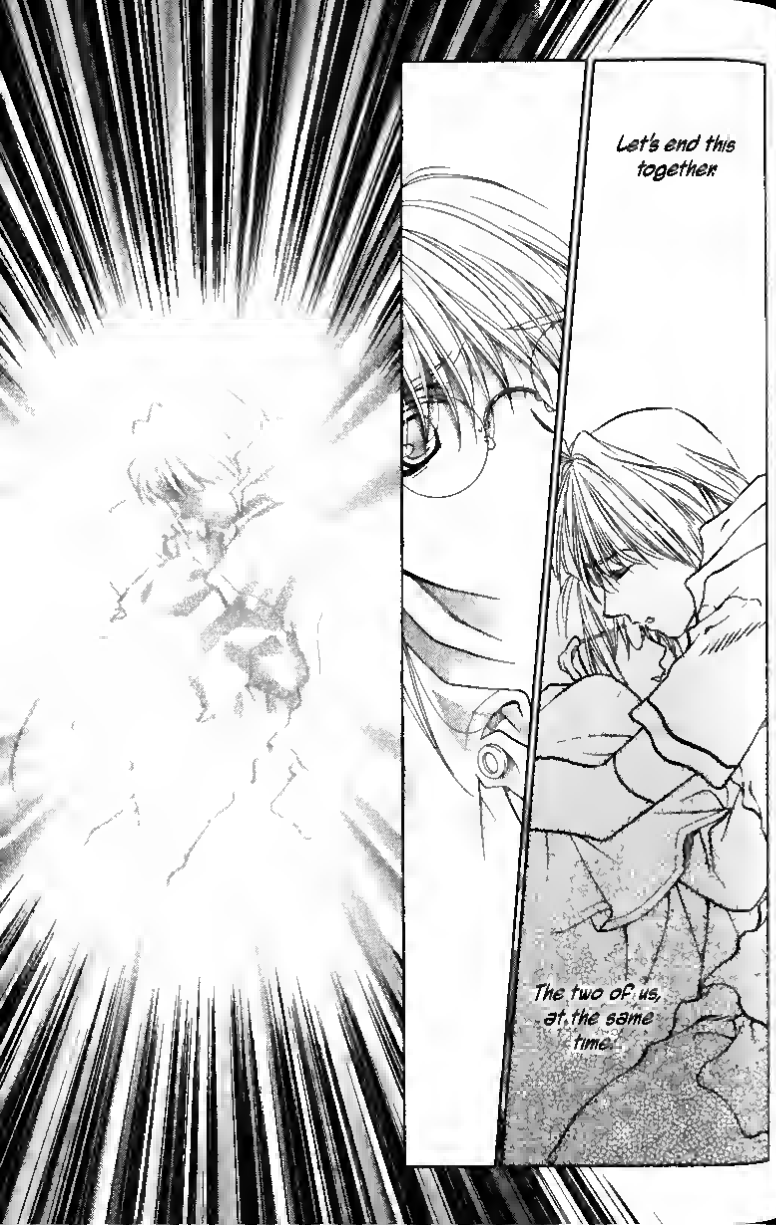
I WAITED A WHOLE TEN YEARS. MIO CAN'T BE PATIENT ANYMORE. I'M IN A HURRY. VERY MUCH SO.
MIO BORED. IRRITATED.

THOSE TWO... THEY'RE PRACTICALLY EQUAL IN POWER!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND... WHAT'S THAT BRAT THINKING...?!
EITHER ONE OF THEM IS FINE FOR MIO. AS LONG AS THIS WORLD BREAKS.
RAI!
RAI!
WAIT, KYOUYA... SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT!
!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, REN?!
KILL RAI... NOW!!!

A pentacle?
YOU MUSTN'T, REN! IT'S A TRAP...AN ILLUSION!

OH, YOU REALIZED IT WAS A SNARE? YOU'VE LEARNED TO BE SUSPICIOUS, EH, REN?
BY MY HAND. WE PROMISED EACH OTHER THAT WE'D END IT IF IT CAME THIS FAR, DIDN'T WE?
KILL ME I'LL TAKE THAT BODY. JUST YOU IS ENOUGH. IF I GATHER THE POWER OF THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS INTO ONE PERSON, I'LL BECOME THE KEY.
WE'VE DIVIDED THE TRUE POWER OF NEBIROS BETWEEN US. WE TWO ARE ONE. JUST THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS ISN'T ENOUGH. THAT'S THE ONLY REASON WHY YOU'RE NEEDED.
SORRY, RAI.


Let's end this together
The two of us, at the same time.

IT'S ALL MY FAULT, ISN'T IT?
REN...?
SORRY... I GUESS I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO SEE IT FOR WHAT IT WAS
YOU AND MIO AREN'T WRONG. I WAS THE CATALYST FOR IT ALL. I FINALLY UNDERSTAND IT NOW.
YOU REALLY WANTED ME TO DIE MOST OF ALL, DIDN'T YOU?
IM SORRY.

IT CAN'T BE!
REN'S BEEN POSSESSED BY NEBIROS!
!
!
REN?!
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?!
A DIRECT ATTACK TO THE BODY..!
YOU DID WELL, NEBIROS.
REN!

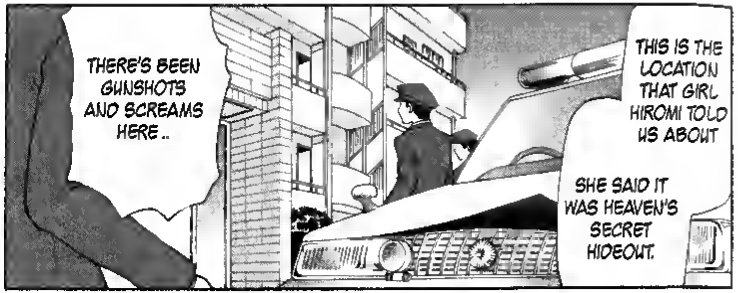
WHAT...?!
AGH!
CAN'T... SHAKE HIM OFF!
NEBIROS! YOU TRAITOR!
USING ALL THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS' POWERS TO BETRAY MIO...?

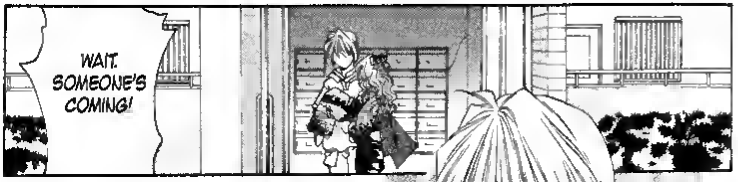
OOF...
I WON'T KILL YOU. I'VE STOLEN THE POWER FROM YOU. THE POWERS OF THE SIX GREAT SPIRITS ARE ALL IN THIS BODY.
LIVE YOUR SHORT LIVES SCRAMBLING AROUND AS HUMANS.

This is the worst thing that could have happened.

NEBIROS?

NOW, NEBIROS, LET'S OPEN THE GATE AND FINISH THE RITUAL.
I'VE DREAMED OF THIS MOMENT FOR TEN YEARS! NOW, THE WORLD WILL DIE!

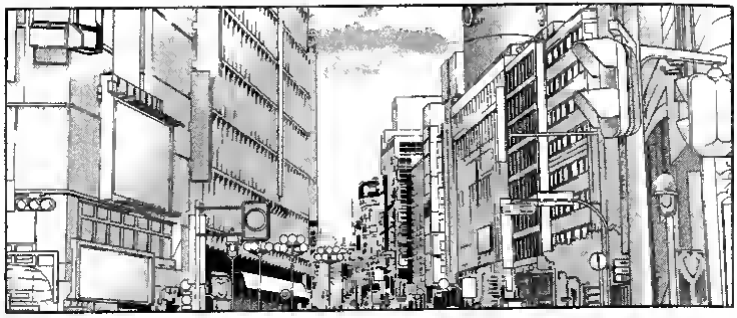

THERE'S BEEN GUNSHOTS AND SCREAMS HERE..
THIS IS THE LOCATION THAT GIRL HIROMI TOLD US ABOUT
SHE SAID IT WAS HEAVEN'S SECRET HIDEOUT.


WAIT. SOMEONE'S COMING!

HE'S CARRYING A SMALL GIRL!
IS SHE DEAD ...?
A BOY...?
THEY'RE COVERED IN BLOOD.
THERE'S A PILE OF CORPSES INSIDE.
HE MUST BE THE LEADER!

WAIT...
...YOU'RE NOT NEBIROS! YOU'RE...

WE'VE BEEN GIVEN ORDERS TO SHOOT FROM THE CHIEF!
HE'S NOT HUMAN ANYMORE!
THINK ABOUT WHAT HE'S DONE!
HE'S JUST A KID A MINOR!
MOST OF THE DEAD ARE TEENAGERS. PROBABLY 17-YEAR-OLDS
KILL HIM!
IS THAT RAI...
...OR REN? WHICH ONE..?
I CAN'T TELL...
IS IT A DIABOLO WHO'S GOT HIS HANDS ON ALL THE POWER...?
OR COULD IT BE--



DAN-GEROUS!
THEY NEED TO TOUGHEN THE YOUTH LAWS!
DIDN'T TAKE 'EM LONG TO TEAR DOWN THE CONDO.
REMEMBER WHEN HEAVEN WAS KINDA COOL?

Even considering the heinous nature of the crimes involved...

...in the end, those involved were only human...

MASS MURDER. CYBER TERRORISM. THE OCCULT.

THE MOST HEINOUS JUVENILE CRIME OF OUR TIME.

THE RINGLEADER OF THE CULT GROUP OF 17-YEAR-OLDS KNOWN AS HEAVEN, HAS BEEN SHOT TO DEATH.

WITH THIS TRAGEDY IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE WORLD'S PSYCHE, DISCUSSION HAS BEGUN TO AMEND THE COUNTRY'S YOUTH LAWS.

BANG!

Ashes to ashes.

Dust to dust.

Evil to the darkness...

Diabolo~Devil~<The End>

OH!

Where is this?
NO!
THAT'S NOT AN ANGEL!!!
Why am I imprisoned?
And where is...?
Yes...

...keep it warm.
It's got to be somewhere.
He'll take me this time.
I have to find it, on..
I have to protect it.
YOU'RE SHAME-LESS!
SLAP

I would never say such things to a child of mine.
Die.
HAD WE KNOWN THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, WE WOULD HAVE LET YOU DIE!
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE GIVEN BIRTH TO THE LIKES OF YOU!
WE DID EVERYTHING WE COULD TO BRING YOUR SICKLY HIDE UP HEALTHY!
That's why...
MEOW
YOU?
WE'VE MET BEFORE, HAVEN'T WE?
That's right!
FROM WHERE, THOUGH? YOU HAD WINGS, MAYBE?
MEOW
I have to go find..
MEOW
キイ……

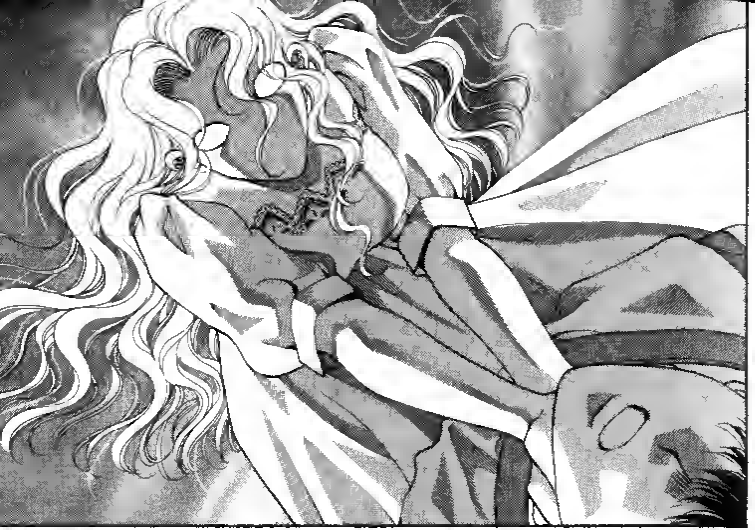
Here ...!
BIG SISTER?

Please, take me...
IS THIS THE RIGHT WAY..?
CRACK
...my angel...
Not the shard, but to find the angel...

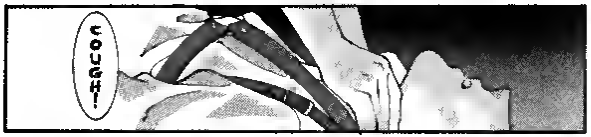
IF WE KEEP QUIET, THE POLICE WILL GIVE UP.
IT'S OKAY IF I STAY "HERE" LIKE THIS.
I'LL FORGET ALREADY. BIG SISTER, PLEASE FORGET, TOO.
MEOW
SOMETHING SO HORRIBLE, I.. DON'T KNOW.
You're going to leave..
...me...
I...
You won't take me?
...WANT TO FORGET YOU, BIG SISTER.

What...?
ジャラ
ARE YOU...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I...
...THOUGHT BIG SISTER, YOU WERE...
His eyes..
YOU'RE BIG SISTER, AREN'T THIS YOU .? SCENT..
I CAN TELL.
BUT DON'T WORRY I WON'T SAY ANYTHING.
IT'LL END IF I JUST TAKE THE BLAME
BIG SISTER, FORGET ALL OF IT .
What are you say--

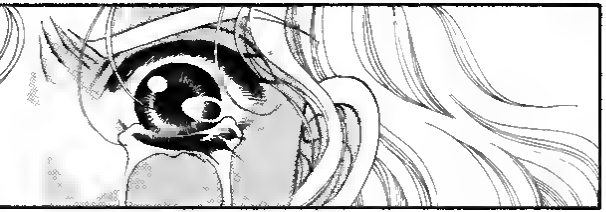
STOP, BIG SISTER! PLEASE STOP!
PLEASE FORGIVE MOM AND DAD!
IT'S NO GOOD! I CAN'T FORGIVE THEM! I CAN NEVER FORGIVE THEM!
THEY'RE DEAD ALREADY ...!
THEY'RE BOTH DEAD...
BIG SISTER!



I tried to protect...!

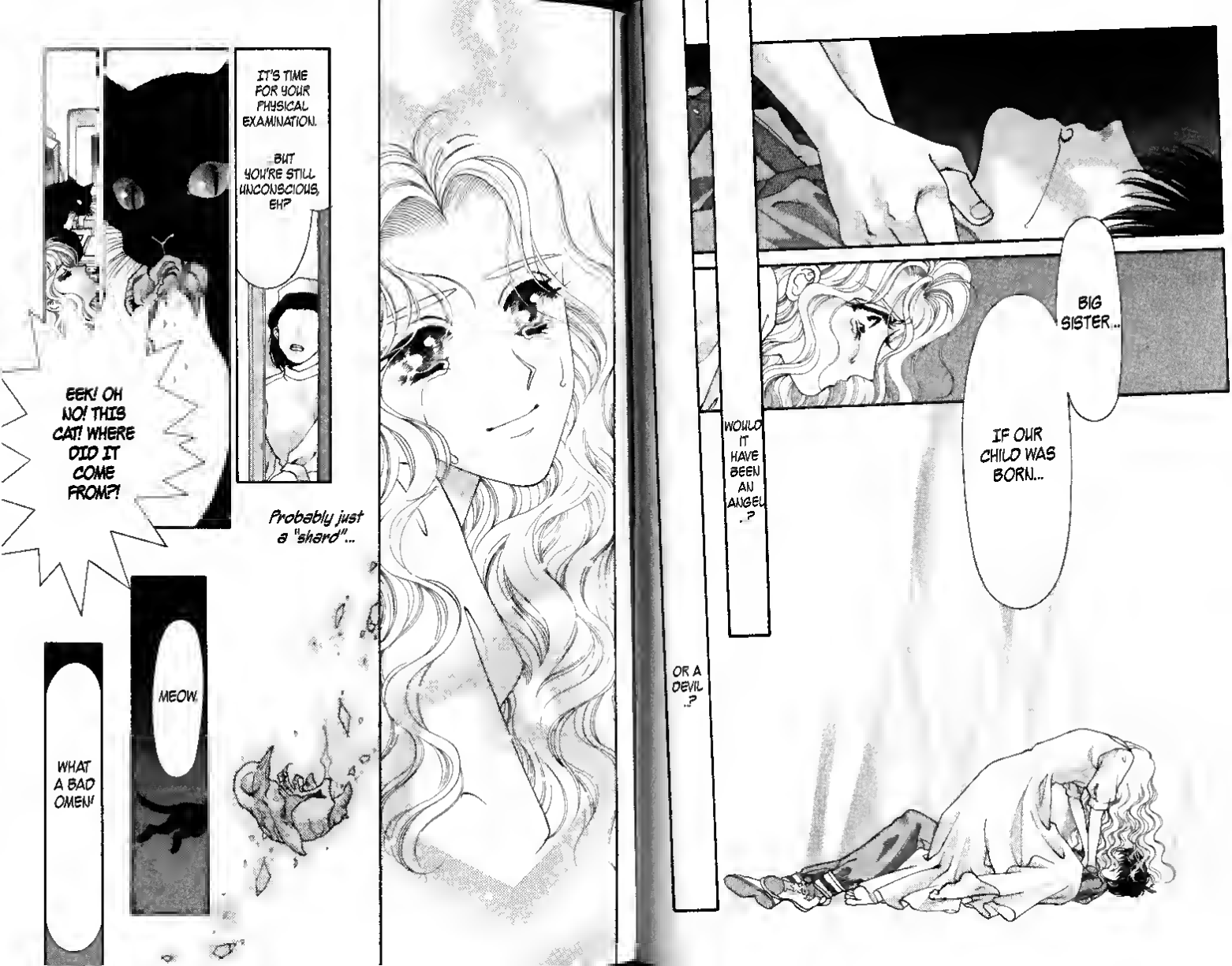


You intend to leave me, don't you?!

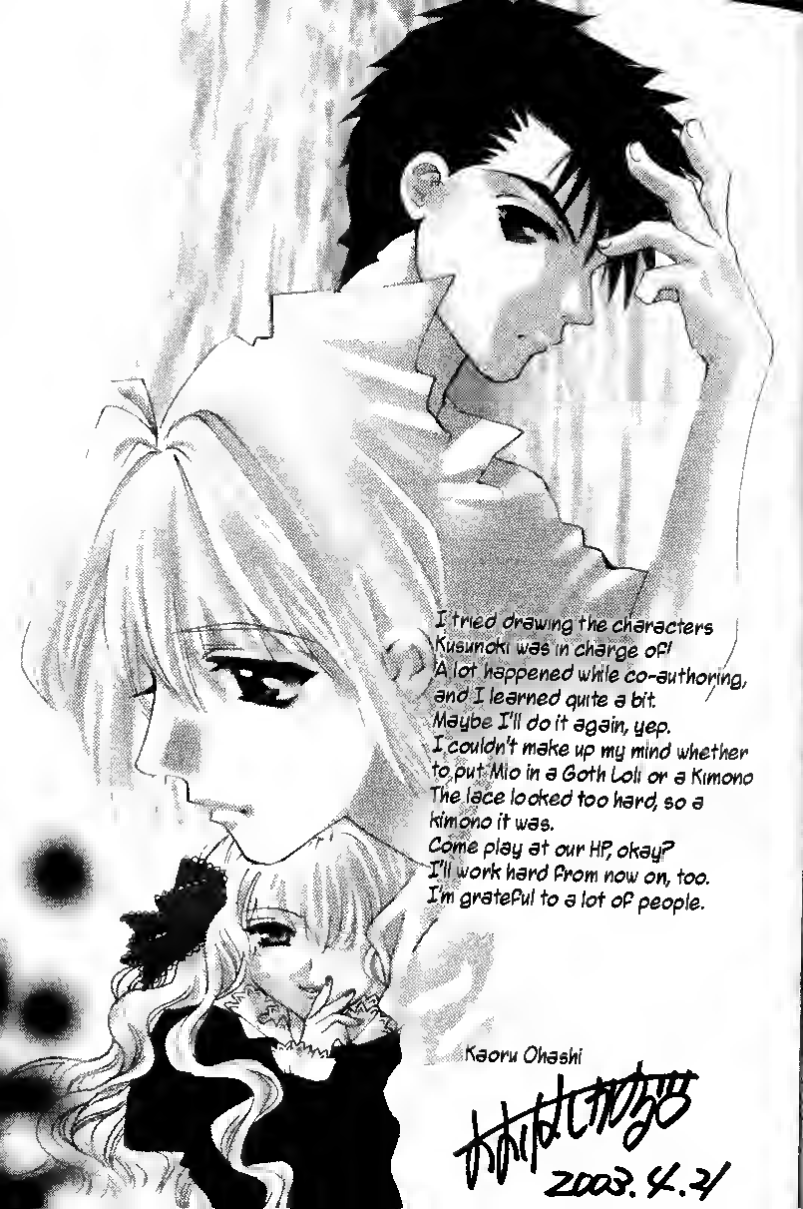


There aren't any angels anymore...

STOP...
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU LIKE THAT, BIG SISTER
THIS IS PUNISHMENT!
PUNISHMENT!!
THEY MADE ME SLEEP..USED DRUGS. AND KILLED THE BABY...!!
NO!


BIG SISTER...
IF OUR CHILD WAS BORN...
WOULD IT HAVE BEEN AN ANGEL..?
OR A DEVIL..?
IT'S TIME FOR YOUR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.
BUT YOU'RE STILL UNCONSCIOUS, EH?
EEK! OH NO! THIS CAT! WHERE DID IT COME FROM?!
Probably just a "shard"...
MEOW.
WHAT A BAD OMEN!

YOU POOR THING. YOU'VE GOT THE FACE OF A SLEEPING ANGEL.
YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER PASSED AWAY EARLIER.
NOW IT'S JUST YOU, ISN'T IT...?
THE SURVIVOR OF A SUICIDE...
ONLY YOU KNOW THE TRUTH.
WAS HE TRYING TO DEFEND HIS BELOVED OLDER SISTER?
Zat
...YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER?
WAS THE PERPETRATOR REALLY...
POOR LOVERS...
OH...?
THAT'S WHAT THE CAT WAS AFTER... A BIRD'S EGG...?
MEOW



I tried drawing the characters Kusunoki was in charge of!
A lot happened while co-authoring, and I learned quite a bit.
Maybe I'll do it again, yep.
I couldn't make up my mind whether to put Mio in a Goth Loli or a Kimono
The lace looked too hard, so a kimono it was.
Come play at our HP, okay?
I'll work hard from now on, too.
I'm grateful to a lot of people.

Kaoru Ohashi

2003.4.3

Kusunoki has challenged herself with Ohashi's characters. Even though we're sisters, we had some differences with this co-authored series. This shouldn't be attempted when both people are busy, huh...? When I have some spare time, then maybe I'll try another co-authored series!!

Kei Kusunoki